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Strasbourg Four attack 'Stalinist tendencies'

Labour bans 'old guard' MEPs for defying gag

By CHARLES BREMNER AND JAMES LANDALE

LABOUR'S battle with its old guard in the European Parliament intensified yesterday when four dissident MEPs were summarily suspended

for refusing to sign a gagging rule forbidding criticism of party policy. The four, who are among the most "old Labour" of the party's 62 MEPs, had refused to obey a 3pm deadline to accept a code of practice banning them from talking to the media about the proportional representation system of voting to be introduced for elections to the Parliament in 1999.

The group, swiftly mcknamed the Strasbourg Four, were unrepentant and one said that Labour was showing "Stalinist tendencies". Hugh Kerr, the member for Essex West and Hertfordshire East, added: This is outrageous. This shows that new Labour is increasingly. authoritarian and centralised."

Ken Coates, the Nottingham and Chesterfield MEP who has denoun-

calls for reform of the voting system.

for House of Commons elections

amid signs that the Labour leader-

ship is increasingly relexed about

A move to the Australian system

known as the alternative vote (AV).

is backed by Peter Hain, the Welsh

Office minister, in an article in The

Times. He says it offers a more

credible and practical agenda for

electoral reform than those offered

by proportional representation.
With Tony Blair committed to

holding a referendum during the

present Parliament on electoral

reform, there is a growing belief.

among Labour leaders that a switch

to AV is the only change the Commons would back to replace the

first past the post system. A move to PR would involve MPs voting themselves out of their jobs.

The Liberal Democrats are press-

ing for a full-blown proportional

representation system and view the

Santer issues EMU warning to Britain

Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, yesterday said that Britain risked paying a price in lost prosperity if it stayed outside monetary union at its launch in 1999. Mr Santer said that the future euro would cement the

issue at stake is a system in which people will not have any constituenpeople will not have any constituen-cies and will not vote for individ-uals. They will be asked to pick a party which then, according to its own reasons, decides who has won." Alex Falconer, a former shop steward who represents Mid Scot-land and Fife, said that he wanted

the same liberty to express views

off. But all recent studies suggest

that AV would benefit both Labour

and the Liberal Democrats and

could keep the Conservatives in the wilderness for decades.

The attraction of the system is that

it would retain the link between an

MP and his constituency - some-

thing that Mr Blair believes to be

essential - and it would not require

their order of preference instead of

just voting for one candidate. The lower choices are reallocated until

one candidate receives more than 50 per cent. One study has suggested that if the May election had been fought on AV, Labour would have

done even better and won 452 seats instead of the massive 419 it got, and the Liberal Democrats would have

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secured 90 instead of 46.

aper with a 1, 2 and 3 to indicate

Minister calls for

voting system reform

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A GOVERNMENT minister today. AV option as an attempt to fob them

he said. "If the Labour Party doesn't support the freedom of liberty and

thought, then it is nothing."

The three and Michael Hindley (Lancashire South) have been "suspended from the privileges of membership of the European Parliamentary Labour Party, which means they will not be allowed to attend party meetings in Stras-bourg, Brussels or in Britain. Nor will they receive minutes or policy briefings, but they will be expected to obey the party whip in votes. José-María Gil Robles, the presi-

dent of the Parliament, has promised Mr Coates an inquiry into his complaint that the code of practice violated the rule that members "shall not be bound by any instructions and shall not receive a binding mandate". Senor Gil Robles said that he would defend members' rights, but he also noted that political groups were free to set their

Wayne David, the Labour leader in Strasbourg, said that it was nonsense to suggest that the code of practice was against parliamentary rules and defended the suspension of the quartet. This is not something that we like doing, but we think it very important that Labour MEPs like everyone else in the ke everyone else in the Labour Party, accepts collective decisions and procedures which

have been agreed by the NEC." However, about half of the party's MEPs did not back the code, and the adoption of PR is seen by many as the Blairites' revenge for their refusal to jettison old Labour" views. Under the PR system, people will vote for parties, not individuals, which will draw up lists of candidates. Those near the top are obviously most likely to be elected; the "old Labour" MEPs expect to be

Mr Blair has been gunning for Mr Coates and other MEPs since they rebelled against the repeal of Clause Four of the party's constitution. More than 30 signed a frontpage advertisement in The Guardian in 1995 and then heckled the party leader when he addressed them in Brussels. Mr Blair rebuked Mr Coates for "gross discourtesy" and "infantile incompetence".

put near the bottom.

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British wife sees killer executed

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A BRITISH woman watched yesterday as the murderer she married on death row was executed in America despite a global campaign to save him.

Lindsay Graham, a former social worker from Cheltenham, was among 19 witnesses as Alan Bannister, 39, received a lethal injection at one minute past midnight at the Potosi Correctional Centre in Missouri for a 1982 contract killing.

Ms Graham was allowed a final meeting with her husband, whom she married four years ago after watching a British television documentary about his case. The encounter took place in a prison visiting room divided by a wire mesh fence, while a guard took notes.

"I am going to be a widow in a few hours," she told reporters outside.
"That is the most hideous, cruel and barbaric system behind those walls. When I was with him, I was not allowed to kiss him."

Barmister issued his own statement liter eating a last supper of steak. sour cream, a salad and a large cola.

He called his execution "as premeditate

ed a murder as possible, more heinous than my crime". Bannister, who had convictions for rape, robbery and burglary, was found guilty of shooting Darrell Ruestman through the heart at his mobile home. Prosecutors described the murder as a contract killing for \$4,000 (£2,480), paid for by a man whose wife was having an affair with the victim.

Bannister admitted that he shot Ruestman, but claimed he did so accidentally during a struggle and should have been convicted only of second-degree murder, which does not carry the death penalty.

Bannister became a cause célèbre in 1992 with the broadcast of a documentary, entitled Execution Protocol, by London film-maker, Stephen Trombley. Scores of British MPs and several Hollywood stars appealed to the Missouri Governor for clemency in

Ms Graham began corresponding with Bannister in jail after seeing the documentary. "Was I attracted to him, the image on television?" she once said. "Oh yeah, I was physically attracted."



Bannister, hired gun

Nigerian officials barred from **Britain**

By Michael Binyon and Jill Sherman ROBIN COOK, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday warned tary government that if any of its members turned up for the Commonwealth summit opening in Edinburgh tomor-row, they would be put straight back on a plane home

The move came after a Commonwealth appeal to Nigeria not to send a delegation to Edinburgh. Mr Cook added that any Nigerian with a valid visa who did enter Britain would not be allowed into the conference hall.

A Nigerian plane, with officials determined to have their say over possible further sanctions, may arrive in Scotland today. General Sani Abacha, leader of the Nigerian Military Government, has demanded a hearing from other Commonwealth members before additional sanctions against his country are considred. Tom Ikimi, the Foreign Minister, said that he was sending a delegation which might include himself.

British officials made clear vesterday that visas would not be issued to any deputation. and it would be turned back at Edinburgh airport. "Members of the Nigerian regime cannot enter the United Kingdom because of the visa restrictions imposed by the European Union in early

1996," said a spokesman. The Foreign Office has issued a warning to air traffic control, but the Government has so far made few contingency plans. Yesterday the airport was unaware of any flight plan, which a private plane would have to file. The police, and maybe the RAF, will be alerted. Mr Ikimi accused the

Commonwealth of excluding Continued on page 2, col 3

Mandela embrace, page 14 Magnus Linklater, page 20

Au pair 'happy' The mother of Louise

Woodward, the teenage as pair accused in America of murdering a baby in her care, told the trial yesterday that her daughter had been happy

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Older image coined for Queen



He said, however, that the

woman he was portraying

should be unmistakably regal.

photographs expecting a smile. For a piece of sculpture

that looks quite ludicrous.

This is an icon; they don't

smile. It has a sense of

gravitas about it. This is the

coinage, and a smile would be

Mr Rank-Broadley's design

We are used to looking at







By DAMIAN WHITWORTH . One doesn't want to see a rather distant mask."

A NEW portrait of the Queen. reflecting her advancing years, has been chosen to appear on coins from next

The image, the fourth of her reign and very different to the current youthful portrait, was chosen by a committee chaired by the Duke of Edinburgh and approved by the Queen.

The design, by the sculptor lan Rank-Broadley, replaces that of Raphael Makloud, which was introduced in 1985. The Queen, 71, was then 58, but was portrayed as rather "I felt no need to disguise the manureness of her years," said

was selected from 19 rival ones by the Royal Mint Advisory Committee. "I had a very definite idea of what the coin should look like, he said. I was conscious that the coinage is gotting smaller and the Mr. Rank-Broadley. There's image diminishing at such a no need to flatter her. She's a rate that soon you wouldn't be able to see her. It was very 70-year-old woman with poise important that she could be and bearing. She's recog-nisable and approachable. recognised, so I used as big an with an amazing sense of fun. image as possible."

inappropriate."

The changing face of British coins: 1953, left, 1968, 1985, and 1998. The latest design "has a sense of gravitas" The sculptor did not meet the Queen during work on the designs, but he did have discussions with the Duke of Edinburgh. "The Queen has

approved and so has the

Duke. I met him and there



*I'm relieved that they didn't commission Damien Hirst to do it"

was no need for changes. I feel greatly honoured. I am now

part of numismatic history." Geoffrey Kitchen, the director of modern coins at Spink & Son, the coin dealer's, welcomed the new, more realistic, portrayal but compared it unfavourably to the depiction of the Queen on a special coin conceived by Philip Nathan for her golden wedding anni-

versary this year. "I would say that she looks sterner in this portrait than in Nathan's. Nathan captured her very well. He also had an element of the double chin and the flesh on the jaw line which is there in real life. What strikes me, looking at

this portrait compared to Nathan's, is that the balance of the hair doesn't look quite right. She looks to have too much hair at the back. In Nathan's design there is less Continued on page 2, col 5

Blair is booed by traders

BY A STAFF REPORTER

HANDFUL of unhappy City traders boosed Tony Blair yesterday, apparently venting their anger over the Government's stance on the European

single currency.
The Prime Minister suffered the indignity of being heckled by a few high-spirited dealers when he appeared on a balcony above the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange

When he reached the trading floor, however, he was given a warm welcome.

According to staff accompanying him the reception was overwhelmingly friendly as the traders crowded to see

Jack Wigglesworth, the Liffe chairman, said in a statement This was a highly successful event. The Prime Minister warmly by traders with typical robust enthusiasm and good humour."

Mr Blair was escorting Australian Prime Minister John Howard, Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga and President Museveni of Uganda



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Shun the euro and you'll pay, Santer warns

JACQUES SANTER warned Britain yesterday that it risked paying a price in lost prosperity if it stayed outside monetary union at its launch in 1999. Mr Santer, President of the

European Commission, di-Denmark and Sweden in a "state of the union" speech to the European Parliament in which he proclaimed the single cur ency project to be invincible. Those states which have chosen not to be there at the start should ask themselves what is likely to be

... the cost of not being on a Asked later to explain, he said that the euro would cement the single market by binding the economies of the European Union ever closer. "If you want to be in on

prepare and prepare actively. Many member states are prepared to join together in this undertaking. It's not a shaky project, as the UK has

takes over the six-month presidency from Luxembourg in January and will be in the chair for a critical summit in May which will choose the founding states of monetary union. All except Greece are expected to meet the Maas-

EU leaders have long been sure that Britain would not embrace the euro at the outset, but until last weekend, they

"next week". But one senior

rightwinger commented: The

absurdity is that Labour cur-

The Eurosceptic Shadow

Cabinet faction, which includes John Redwood, Iain Duncan-Smith. David

Heathcoat-Amory and Mich-

ael Howard, is determined

that the party adopts a more

sceptical line on the euro than

Labour. They have reminded

Mr Hague that he was elected

by Tory MPs on a pledge to

oppose the euro for the next 10

years. And they are warning

that the controversy is a

critical test of his leadership

ership and consistency," one source said. "William will lose

his friends and give ammuni-

tion to his critics if he does not

go back to the policy that he

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won the leadership on."

People are looking for lead-

sceptic than we do."

Senior Tories urge Hague to reject currency

WILLIAM HAGUE is coming under fresh pressure from senior Conservatives to harden his opposition to a single

A group of Eurosceptic Shadow ministers was last night pressing the Tory leader to reopen the internal debate about the euro at today's meeting of the Shadow Cabinet. They want him to commit the Shadow Cabinet to keeping the pound for the rest of this Parliament and the next.

Right-wing anxieties have been fuelled by the disclosure that Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, is poised to rule out British membership of a single currency for the lifetime of

this Parliament The official Tory line cobbled together in the face of Shadow Cabinet divisions — is that Britain should not join for the "foreseeable future". The tongue-in-cheek pro-European interpretation is that this means that Britain could join

He said, however, that Tony

Blair had convinced him that Britain would "play a con-structive role during its presi-dency next year". London

tricht qualification criteria.

Jean-Claude Juncker, the Luxembourg Prime Minister, has been voicing his irritation with the Government's claims to be leading Europe. Yester-day, he noted that Britain's opt-out from monetary union in 1991 had not — "unfortu-nately" — diminished its role years since. Mr Santer took an indirect

swipe at British doubts, saying: "I remember the pity-ing looks I got when I used to predict the arrival of the euro on January I, 1999, and the participation of a significant number of states." Economic convergence had since been surprising and the project was

swinging towards the scheme. Reports of the apparent deci-

sion to rule out membership

for years has prompted

warnings that such a move

would keep Britain on the

sidelines but EU officials are

sceptical that the Government

will formally take such a

strong position.

Over the past two weeks, continental leaders have urged Britain to join the

monetary project on the grounds that it would benefit

the British economy and bol-

ster the new currency. Private-

sketching a future in which a

non-EMU Britain could be

relegated to an antechamber with Greece Sweden and Denmark while the EU's real

economic business was run by

the states in the euro zone.

"I have only one piece of advice to give to economic decision-makers everywhere in the Union. Get ready quickly, don't miss the bus, because as much as the euro is opening promising prospects, there will also be a painful wake-up for those who neglect to prepare themselves."

The growing confidence in the launch of the euro is fuelling hopes among the more federal-minded states that the single currency will open the barriers to deeper political integration. Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Belgian Prime Minister, said yesterday: Once EMU is on track, we are confident that institutional reform and political integration could follow."



هكذامن رلإمل

Ladislav caused resentment in the Gypsy community by drawing attention to the attractions of life in Britain

Romany tells of arson attack that drove him to Britain

THE Czech asylum-seeker who appeared in a documen tary that prompted bus loads of his compatriots to head for Britain said yesterday that he had no regrets about praising life in Dover.

Ladislay, 38, was seen on television in the Czech Republic describing how he and his family received £140 a gramme is blamed for encouraging the latest exodus of more than 200 people from eastern Europe.

Since then Ladislav, who has three children aged 6, 2 and I and a pregnant wife. Zdenka, 27, has become the focus of resentment among the Gypsy community, who fear publicity will damage their chances of a life in Britain. He asked not to be identified by his surname to Letters, page 21 protect his relatives in the Adrian Lee spoke to star of a documentary blamed for the

migration of more than 200 people

Czech Republic from repri-

sals, but said: "I would do it again. I told the truth. I did not say anything like 'come over, it's a nice life here.' I was speaking about Dover and said I was happy about it as it was a calm place. I said the people were nice to me, but I also said it made me sad. that I could not live in my own country."

The former cook, who lives in a scafront flat in Margate, Kent, said he was shocked that so many asylum-seckers had arrived in the past few days and ackowledged the part played by the documen-

tary. He said he did not think the flow should be stopped. "As one of them, I think they should be allowed to come. I agree that it is not good for Dover to have so many here. The people in Dover don't like it and I am not happy about it either. But it is a problem for the two governments to sort out. I do not

have any solutions."

Ladislav. who lived in Prague, said he abandoned a good house, secure job and a England. "I could not live in freedom. I could not walk the street. When I worked in a

Last year, he said, his house was damaged in an arson attack and one of his daughters still bears the scars of the burns on her back. living in fear for five or six years. I don't want lots of money here. I just want to get on with my life."

Ladislay said he had met Josef Klima, the documentary-maker, spreviously and agreed to take part because he wanted to highlight the problems the Romanys—he does not like the word Gyp-sies - are facing in the Czech Republic I have not seen the pro-

gramme but my family at home in the Czech Republic have watched it. It has caused me problems but I said nothing wrong."

IN BRIEF Council gives in over care of elderly

A council faces a bill of £2.4 million after deciding yesterday not to take to the House of Lords its objection to payments for residential care of the elderly. Sefton District Council, Merseyside, had been ordered by the Court of Appeal to pay for the care of those with savings under £10,000. It decided to accept the ruling on the eve of a meeting with Paul Boateng, the Health Minister, over a critical Audit Commission report.

Ulster meeting Hillary Clinton is likely to meet Simn Fein leaders along with the heads of Northern Ireland's other political parties when she visits Belfast next week. She will address a youth conference at the city's new Waterfront Centre.

Three charged

Two men, aged 18 and 38, and a 17-year-old youth have been charged with the attempted murder of Lee Holmes, who was attacked with a baseball bat outside his disabled father's home in Wolverhampton. They will appear in court today.

Dentist death

Bradley Miller, 14, died in the dentist's chair after having a tooth out. The boy, from Barnsley, had Goldenhar syndrome. which causes facial disfigurement, and police are waiting to learn whether that may have contributed.

Cancer plea

A breast cancer drug trial is under threat because of a lack of volunteers. Scientists investigating whether temoxifen can prevent, as well as treat, the disease need to recruit 5,000 women but only 2,200 have so far come forward.

Leeson film

Ewan McGregor will play the jailed banker Nick Leeson in the movie Rogue Trader, which starts shooting next month. The film will be shot in Britain, Malaysia and Singapore. Sir David Frost is executive producer.

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Britannia

Nigerian stunt

his Government from its deliberations while seeking its Opposition's views. Chief Errieka Anyaoku, the Com-monwealth Secretary-General, sent a letter to Mr Ikimi yesterday urging that no Nigerian delegation should travel to Edinburgh. Mr Ikimi has written

saying that a delegation would fly from Abuja, the capital, arriving not earlier than an hour before the discussion on Nigeria was due to begin. Afterwards it would leave.

British officials dismissed the plan, saying: "The Nigerian request is a silly stunt." Mr Cook made clear yesterday that the Commonwealth would vote for Nigeria's continued suspension. He also praised the "robust" package of punitive measures recom-

mended by the eight-man Commonwealth ministerial

ed in 1995 by the last summit to hold a hearing on Nigeria. Britain wants it to recommend the mandatory implementation of further sanc-

tions, including the cutting of air, sporting and cultural links, a tightening of visa regulations, freezing of overseas bank accounts of regime members, and a downgrading of Commonwealth diplomatic

In a letter smuggled from jail in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 20 Ogonis vesterday appealed to Commonwealth leaders to secure their release and "liberate Ogoniland from the oppression we have lived with for years".

The Ogonis, whose leader Ken Saro-Wiwa was hanged in 1995, said that several of their number had died in jail. Their letter will be presented to the four-day summit.

Queen's head

Continued from page I hair and the tiara goes to the back of the head. In this portrait you can see where the tiara ends and there is more hair at the back."

Mr Kitchen praised the decision to have a most up-todate portrayal. Given the length of time she has been on the throne it is silly to continue with the current portrait. Flattering is a word that is often

"We are working on some designs for Princess Diana. A. number of overseas govern-ments are interested in the idea. But one of the comments was that they weren't very flattering. That suggests that you should produce a design that is different and better than the actual person. . You've got to have a ma-

ture portrait. In days of yore, before The Times and tele-vision, the portrait on the coins was the only way that the population saw what the queen looked like."

He said Queen Victoria also had a mature and realistic portrait, on the coin known as the widow head, from 1893.-The other generally used portraits of her 64-year reign were the long-surviving young head from 1837, followed, only in 1887, by the Jubilee head.

The first coins bearing the current Queen appeared in 1953, and showed her in her mid-20s. The second showed a woman of 42, from 1968. The Royal Mint calculates that it has produced 15,000 million coins bearing the third, 1985 portrait for the United Kingdom alone. The new image, like the old, will be available for Commonwealth countries. Mr Rank-Broadley, who

won £10,000 for his design. will also have his initials, fRB. on the new coin.



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Bermingham, a known

drug dealer from Longsight,

Manchester, had been smok-

ing cannabis and sniffing glue

shortly before Miss Thacker

drunkenly flagged down bis

car. Her companions had

grabbed her arm to try to stop

Bermingham, 32, had driv-

en her to wasteland where he stripped her, fried to sexually

assualt her, then bludgeoned her 15 times with a lump of

concrete and set light to her

Daniel McGrory reports on the case of the drunken medical graduate

who went against her own advice and flagged down a stranger for a lift

slumped into the hattered been broken. Her charred Sierra car in the red light body was found dumped in a district of Manchester.

pub car park.

Bermingham's escape was

thwarfed when his car ran out

of petrol 100 yards away. Miss

Thacker's friends had also

alerted police to the vehicle's

Miss Thacker's parents said

of their daughter: "She was a

beautiful, caring and happy person whose promising life

short." The gifted student had

been due to start her first job

working with elderly patients at a hospital in West

Her mother, Gill, 49, said of

registration number.

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A BOGUS taxi driver who abducted and murdered a

medical graduate who mistak-

enly climbed into his car after a 21st birthday party was jailed for life yesterday. A judge described Duncan

Bermingham's attack on Ra-

chel Thacker as "quite dread-

ful" and said he must serve at

Miss Thacker, 21, had ig-

nored the advice she was

forever giving other women

students and accepted a late

night lift from Bermingham,

thinking he was a mini cab.

driver. Friends said she was in

high spirits after celebrating a

friend's birthday when she

least 20 years.

It was the last time she was seen alive. "I couldn't believe it

really," said Mr Parker. "I couldn't believe she got in the

car in the first place, and I

couldn't believe the car had

he had destroyed the evidence

blood. He even removed the

waste pipes from under the

Bermingham was confident

iust driven off."

of blood in them.

Cannock, Staffordshire, to Salford to celebrate a

She told friends she wanted

to get a taxi and began hailing

private cars. She first jumped

into a Jeep and began laugh-

ing when the startled driver told her to get out. Minutes

later Bermingham pulled up

in a battered and borrowed

Sierra and Ms Thacker

slumped into the passenger

Even when two friends,

Robin Parker and Mark

Lynch, begged her to stay with

Mr Lynch even graphed her

arm, held the car door open

and told Miss Thacker it was

not a taxi, but the driver told

girlfriend's birthday.

Jailing Bermingham, he

it will ever be safe to release

you. The nature of the offence

is so awful that I for one would

need a lot of persuasion that it

was sale to let you loose

As a student at Salford,

where she graduated with a

BSc in occupational therapy,

Miss Thacker, had cam-

paigned for women's safety

and against accepting lifts

from strangers. She joined the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, set up

after the 25-year-old estate

agent disappeared after meet-

she ignored her own advice after spending a night last August drinking a cocktail of

among the public."

* Bogus cab driver jailed for killing student

sions on his arms were the result of a fight with his girlfriend, but a DNA test proved to be a match. Police believe Bermingham had been

sink in case there were traces

red light district looking for a







ludge at his criminal trial last year at Southwark Crown Court had wrongly refused to

allow an adjournment, requested by both sides, so that expert psychiatric evidence could be called on the nature of the victim's symptoms. The appeal judges ruled that the case should not have been allowed to go before the jury without expert evidence to...

alleged stalker who was sent

to prison for five years for harassing a dental nurse.

faces a retrial after having his

conviction quashed yesterday

Three judges allowed his

appeal against conviction of

causing actual bodily harm to

Perry Southall. 20, who will

ordeal. Morris, 38, from Pop-

lar, east London, who alleged-

ly left Miss Southall increas-

ingly frightened during an

eight-month campaign, will remain in custody until the

retrial. The harassment is said to have been started after

Morris called to make an ap-

pointment at the dental surgery in Whitechapel where she

The court held that the

vorked, in October 1995.

now face a second countroom.

by the Court of Appeal.

CLARENCE MORRIS, the claim that she had suffered mental injury caused by Morris's alleged harassment.

Judge Gerald Butler, QC. refusing an adjournment for expert evidence, had said he did not think the jury needed a psychiatrist "to put a label on things". In his summing-up, he told the jurers not to set themselves up as doctors but to use their common sense and experience. But Lord Justice Potter, sitting with Mrs Justice Ebsworth and Mr Justice Forbes said yesterday that the

Judges quash conviction and

order retrial in 'stalking' case

Woman must face second courtroom ordeal, reports Michael Horsnell

Perry Southall, and Clarence Morris, whose conviction

jurors had been left to make a judgment on a matter calling for psychiatric expertise, on the evidence of the victim.

Lord Justice Potter said the actual bodily harm com-plained of did not comprise any direct physical injury as he never laid a hand upon his victim. "However, she gave unchallenged evidence that by reason of his sinister and intimidating actions committed over a period of time she had suffered a variety of unpleasant nervous symp-

for causing her actual bodily harm was quashed yesterday

toms arising from fright and anxiety, including personality change and physical aches and pains, the judge said. The defence had been left at

a substantial disadvantage because it was not in an informed position to challenge the nature or cause of Miss Southall's symptoms. In the case to the effect that expert evidence was necessary, the court allowed Morris's appeal with some regret" and ordered a retrial "on a proper

basis" as soon as possible. Lord Justice Potter said that when Morris's first appointment was booked, he had asked Miss Southall's name and then proceeded to sing and make rhymes upon her name, before regularly visiting the surgery - standing outside, looking in, and banging on the window. From being a happy and outgoing person Miss Southall became nervous and jumpy, and was prescribed

alium by her doctor. In quashing the conviction and sentence, they said it was desirable that Morris be retried as soon as reasonably possible. Morris, who is believed to be ill, was not in court

Dog owners bite back at show judges who are too long in tooth

the dog world over complaints from owners that many judges at shows are too old, have had eyesight and creaking bones, and are

imply not up to the job. Now the Kennel Club. which vers judges only at the lighest level of judging, is: ing to change the system whereby dog judges, like

Age limits could be introduced, says Philip Delves Broughton

from shows and individuals. "The sort of problem come to a ring using a stick or two sticks, people who quite clearly do not have the stamina to stand for an hour or two, and people with failing eyesight. There have also been problems with judges who are arthritic and have difficulty bending down to run their hands

over the dogs." While the

judge if he is not up to it. You just can't expect younger judges to know as much as the older ones ... All you need is a good pair of eyes. Some people at 80 are better govern the 3,000 annual than many at 60." breed shows, it has issued Peggy Grayson, 77, a dog new guidelines arging organisers to consider an "ap-

propriate upper age limit

when selecting judges. Harry Jordan, 79, who

judge smee 1943 and author of a handbook for dog judges, says: "This is just plain stupid. If people are not up to it, don't invite them judged the Crufts Best of to shows," She adds: "All Show in 1996, remains active people like me hope is that as one of the oldest judges on the circuit. "I don't know we can drop dead when we are judging. That would be what the Kennel Club is on about," he says. "Individual

Au pair was happy in America, mother tells murder court

burnt her beaten body

have no doubt your motive in

killing her was because you thought if you left her alive she

would tell people what you

had done and you would go to prison. Callously you killed

he serves 20 years he'll still

have a life when he gets out. My daughter doesn't have one

The fury took over six hours

to convict Bermingham, who

was decribed at Manchester

Crown Court as an unem-

ployed petty thief whose crimi-

nal record began in Glasgow in 1979. Mr Justice Kay told

him: "That young girl went

of drinking too much. That

mistake cost her her life. I have no doubt at all that your

motive in abducting her was to-

THE mother of Louise Woodward, the teenage au pair secused in America of murdering a baby in her care, told the trial vesterday that her daughter had en happy in her job in the

Susan Woodward, 41, said Miss Woodward had enjoyed looking after nine month-old Matthew Eappen, whom she is accused of killing, and his two year old brother Brendan. She told the court in Cambridge, Massachu-sens, that her daughter had never spoken to her about any problems with the children's parents.

Mrs Woodward, a project efficer at a college of further education in Birkenhead, on the Wirral, Merseyside, smiled at her daughter as she took the witness stand on the 11th day of the trial at

Middlesex Superior Court. She said she travelled from the family's home in Elton, near Chester, to visit her daughter the day after Christmas last year. Cross-examined by prosecuting

Woodward said while she was there she had taken baby Mat-thew for walks and rocked him to

Mr Leone asked her. "He was a very placid beby, not a crying baby at all, right?" Mrs Woodward seemed to brush a tear from one eye as she replied: "He was a beautiful child."

The prosecution alleges the attack took place only five days after the Eappens had placed a midnight curiew on Miss Woodward and gave her a list of conditions she had to accept if she wanted to remain with them. Mrs Woodward said, however, she had exchanged two e-mail messages with her daughter around that time and there had been no mention of any conversation with the couple or terms and conditions with which she would have

Mrs Woodward told how her daughter, who denies shaking and battering the baby to death in a raige in February this year, decided to take a year off in

four A levels, because she had not decided what she wanted to do at university. She said Miss Woodward had never been placed under a curiew at home. "We

Her daughter was the eldest of 13 grandchildren in their large extended family and had been young children, she added. "Louise is a big sister to all the other children," she said.

Later, neurologist Dr Ayub Khan Ommaya, a former Rhodes scholar at Oxford and an authority on head and brain injuries, said the baby could not have suffered a severe trauma to his head on February 4 because there was no swelling when he got to hospital. There could have been no prolonged shaking because of the lack of neck damage.

"Pathology is always the final truth." Dr Ommaya told the court. This is where we have to go to find what happened. The findings are absolutely clear."



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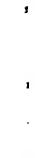












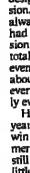




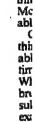




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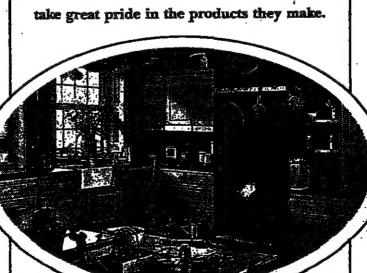
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Rector's alleged mistress'was a sexual fantasist'

A WOMAN who claimed that she was a dergyman's mistress for six years was a sexual fantasist who imagined the affair, he told a church court

The Rev Clifford Williams, 49, said that his accuser. Iris Green, 56, suffered deep personar problems, was posses-sive and subject to wild mood swings. She grew so obsessive about him that she took to "stalking" him and was caught on at least one occasion listening at a keyhole. Mr Williams, rector of Benllech. Anglesey, North Wales, vehemently denied having affairs with Mrs Green or any other

woman in his congregation. He described how he went to see Mrs Green at her home in Tyn-y-Gongl, Anglesey, several months after she arrived in the parish in September 1989. Mrs Green, a music teacher, had wanted to set up a church choir, which he had been trying to encourage.

Soon she was revealing intimate details of her past affairs, her sexual life with her husband and how easily she was "turned on". On one occasion, the rector said, he inadvertently walked into Mrs Green's front room as she preparing to have sex with a much younger man.

Mr Williams told an ecclesiastical court in Caernarfon, North Wales, that he had earlier listened with sadness to the evidence given by the Bishop of Bangor, the Right Rev Barry Morgan. The bishop singled out a photograph, taken on a church trip in 1988, which he said showed Mr Williams floating in the Dead Sea with his toes "virtually touching the breasts" of Anne Williams, a married parish-

Dr Morgan said that three people, including Mrs Green, came to see him to tell him that Mr Williams was having affairs with two women in his congregation. Dr Morgan ac-cused the rector of lying repeatedly to him when he taped telephone answer machine messages suggesting an intimate relationship.

Mr Williams, a father of

three, is facing four charges of "giving just cause for scandal or offence". He denies conducting an adulterous affair with Mrs Green, one of the congregation at St Andrew's Church. He also denies that he had an improper relationship with Anne Williams.

counsel for Mr Williams, sugested that when Mrs Green first came to the parish she had given the impression that she was mourning the recent death in a motorcycle accident of her 17-year-old son. In fact, the teenager's death was ten years previously, he said.

Mr Williams told the court that Mrs Green had swiftly confided in him that her husband was no longer interested in her sexually and that



Williams: said that Mrs

with younger women. She told she had had with men and one

She had confessed to him that she was easily aroused sexually, and had used the expression "it doesn't take much to get me going". It became apparent that she had mood swings and was posses-

1990 he had gone to Mrs Green's house and had discovered her and another man "on the floor in her front room having intercourse". The man's trousers had been "halfway down" and Mrs Green's blouse had been ooen. He had heard her shouting as he left

When he got home Mrs Green had called him on the telephone. She was crying as she told him that she was so ashamed that she was going to leave the village. The young man was even more upse because it had been his first sexual experience, Mr Williams said. He was 22 and she

Mr Williams said Mrs Green began making allega-tions and accusations about his relationships with other women — Anne Williams and Enid Williams. He said he caught Mrs Green "stalking him" more than once. On one occasions she almost fell in when he opened Enid Williams's front door after a visit with his wife. She had been listening at the front door. Once she left a birthday card for him under his car windscreen wiper as he was visiting Anne Williams's home.

Earlier, Peter Day, one of the churchwardens, had told the court that hardly a day went by without Mr Williams's car being parked out-side Anne Williams's house. Mr Somerset Jones suggested that Mr Day had a personal animus towards the rector. He was accused of triggering the article in the Sunday news-paper which provoked the

Mr Williams said that he was frequently followed by Mr Day. He also held up a small black lens of a security video camera as evidence he was being spied upon. The lens was attached to a cable which he said he found hidden in a fake fire hydrant outside Anne Williams's home.

hearing continues



McVitie's axes Jane Asher to hobnob with the trendies

JANE ASHER, actress and cake-making beroine to the dropped as the public face of McVitie's biscuit company because it wants to be more

to promote the company's biscuits, whose brands include Hob-Nobs and Homewheat digestives, since 1994. But now it seems Miss Asher. 51, has fallen victim to plans to spice up the image of products more usually associated with vicars' tea parties McVitie's has already em-

Actress is dropped so biscuits can 'create impact', writes Peter Foster

ans Steve Coogan and Vic ern gloss to its advertising campaigns. According to the advertising industry maga-zine Marketing, it is looking for a replacement for Miss Asher in a similar vein.

Earlier this year the actress tried to adopt a more ing digestive biscults. Putting aside her usual

range of McVitie's biscuits, cakes and frozen desserts. One advertising executive was sceptical that the deci-sion would pay dividends.

"McVitie's is talking about getting a fresher and trendi-er look — but how trendy can checolate ballgown in which she posed next to a packet of the chocolate biscuits. vou make a chocolate To no avail. McVitie's confirmed yesterday that, "by And there is still hope for ould not be featuring in its 1998 advertising campaign.

A spokeswoman said that the

cuits, but that Miss Asher's

fans of Miss Asher. In 1994 Joanna Lamley was dropped by the German yoghurt firm Campbell, a model half her the company to bring ber

Blow for diplomacy at embassy football punch-up

AS DIPLOMATIC incidents and furious as that witnessed on a playing field in West London Staff from the South African and Irish Embassies mence during a football match that police had to be called to break up violent scenes that left one man unconscious with a broken jaw.

The match between the two after one of the South Africans was sent off for a foul and spat. at an opponent as he was leaving the field. All 22 players were then involved in a fight, the Foller's brewery playing field in Chiswick.

The Third Secretary at the South African Embassy in London conceded that the incident was a public relations disaster. Jeanne Denyer said inquiries were continuing into the incident on Saturday at the embassies league match and added: "I will speak to people involved in the light. But we come from a democratic country and believe people should have the right to defend them-

A South African Embassy spokeswoman added: "Obviously this is something we wish to dissociate ourselves from Not all the players in our team were members of staff and not all were even South Africans.

Some were friends and this is the first time we have ever been involved in anything like this Disciplinary action is being taken." The South Africans were ahead 2-1, but the team now faces expulsion

An Irish Embassy spokes-man said; What happened was that one of the South Africans was sent off and then spat at an Irish player. Punch-es were thrown and the rest of the South Africans piled in. One of our players had his nose broken and jaw cracket. He was not a member of staff and I do not know if he is planning any civil action. At least no diplomats were in-

Police are not thought to be

would

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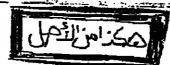


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Don't look back in anger, for we shall overcome: Tory MPs end 'bonding session' with a sing-song

Attuned to each other but not to the charts

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

TORY MPs, depressed by the prospect of years in a political wilderness, evoked the spirit of wartime Britain in a latenight sing-song to ensure their seaside bonding session finally came together. After the much-publicised split on dress code, 145 MPs

buried their differences in the cocktail bar of the Grand Hotel in Eastbourne with a stirring rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's greatest hits. After a lavish supper of salmon en croute with red and white wine, the MPs, who had been behind heavily secured doors for seminars on why they have plumbed such depths of unpopularity, sud-denly found something to sing about: The White Cliffs of

Michael Ancram, the Shadow spokesman on constitutional affairs, armed with his the proceedings, which were a cross between a karaoke night and a Scouts' bonfire party. But an experiment to prove that the party had shed its dated image foundered when they had to abandon an attempt to sing Oasis's Don't Look Back in Anger. Nobody knew the words.

Mr Ancram, 52, the son and heir of the 12th Marquess of Lothian, said: "We are a bit behind the times. I have not learnt a new song since 1978. I prefer folk music and Bob

Dylan, the icon of the 1960s protest movement, was an with Blowin' In The Wind and Tambourine Man among the most popular requests. They also relished the Joan Baez classic We Shall Overcome. which was obviously a refer-



Conducting a loyal band: William Hague with Tory MPs at Easthourne yesterday. But some who had sung into the small hours failed to make the breakfast photo call

Flanders and Swann's The Hippopotamus Song (Mud. Glorious Mud). One Tory MP said: "Michael Ancram has always been a hippy at heart."
Michael Trend, the deputy
Tory party chairman, and
David Lidington, the parliamentary aide to Mr Hague,
performed a duet. With Mr

Trend, MP for Windsor, at the

vocals, they performed a number of Victorian ballads. An approving Mr Hague was seen to join in A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square, which is the London base of the party's recently deposed advertising gurus, Maurice and Charles Saatchi.

Mr Trend, 45, admitted the music had helped them to piano and Mr Lidington, MP bond. "It was very spontane—the Colonel, was not to be for Aylesbury, providing the ous. We sang 1840s, 1940s, outdone and he, too, tinkled

numbers. It's quite revealing. I suppose." The Tory MPs were more at home with Simon and Garfunkel, with the aptly named Bridge Over Troubled Water one of the favourite songs of the night. Michael Mates, the former

Northern Ireland minister who is affectionately known as

Meet Again, presumably de-One admiring colleague said: "You can imagine the Colonel playing in a North African bar with only two left."

unable to oblige Mr Hague,

1960s; but ended at 1970s the ivories. He led a series of admitted Mr. Trends They Teresa Gorman and Ann Widwartime numbers with We'll caroused into the early hours redoubtable women MPs, who were to be asked to play lead roles, had already gone to yesterday, with some of the loudest mysteriously absent from a breakfast photo call.
The MPs had decided to call a halt to the singsong when

a Spice Girls routine. But with

none of them able to name the

until next year's party accounts, has paid the £15,000 conference, bill, Participants contributed £65 each and their

All together now ... how a good singalong creates harmony

Philip Delves Broughton traces the morale-boosting effect of shared music from the Bible to football terraces



Maoris are masters of a fiercely united front in the.

SINGING will unite the Tories as no number of late-night confidence votes ever could. History and sociology show that there is little better for ilding team spirit than a

Ever since Joshua blew his trumpet, initiating the mass howling which brought down the walls of Jericho, letting rip in a group has had a powerful morale-boosting effect. From the All Blacks' haka. the Maori war dance they perform before each match, to the caterwauling of Kum Ba Ya round a Scout camp fire, singing in unison not ther in one unified action but

shared past, place and memory. They are made aware that deep down, they have more in comme than their superficial bickering might have led them to believe.

Desmond Morris, the anthropo ogist who made a study of football chants for his book The Soccer Tribe, says that the key word is synchrony. "When you sing together," he says, "it has the effect of synchronising you as a group. When football crowds clap out like a rabble are suddenly clapping in time to one sixteenth of a second. After you have sung or clapped in time together, you have a psycholog-

members' differences, they have a ical closeness with those you have shared past, place and memory. Morris adds: "In certain African warrior tribes, the war dance con-

sists of 40 or so warriors jumping in the air and shouting 'Humph' when they hit the ground. It brings them together and makes the enemy's hair stand on end." The sound of Michael Fabricant, Teresa Gorman and Alan Clark breaking into Only The Lonely is thought to have much

The trick to a good singulous, as any Eastender will tell you, is having a simple song. Grappling with Monteverdi countrypoint is useless. The Scouts have the right

She'll Be Coming Round The Mountain, Old Macdonald and Alice The Came! (Has Day Co.)

One Hump)— casily adapted for advice of Cleo Laine, the jazz sunger.

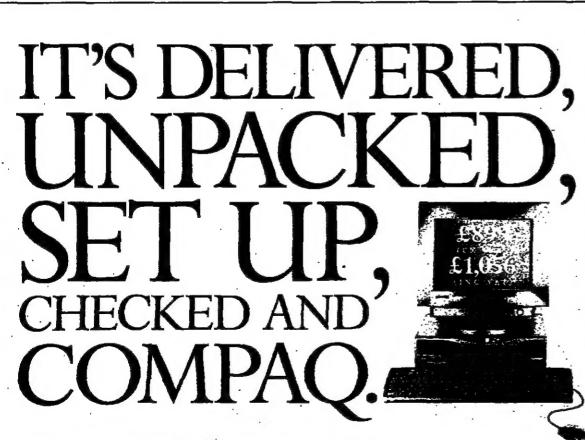
Tory purposes to Alastair Camp— who advices that if there was more bell (He's Always Got the Hump)— singing in the world, there would be a new song has been introduced to less mugging.

But when Michael Angara, who Alice The Camel (Has Only Got Kentucky Fried Chicken and a Pizza Hut." Simple and easily

John Fogg, the public relations who sang Silent Night and then officer for the Scouts, said: Singing beard not so are away. German round a camp fire is not unique to soldiers singing the same hymn in Scouts, but it does bring us together. Their own tanguage may have it also warms you up before you go realised that they have more reato bed, but perhaps the Tories can sous at \$6.000 than to be fore.

Secretary, might care to heed the advice of Cleo Laine, the Jazz singer, who advises that "if there was more singing in the world, there would be

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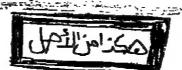
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Grief over Diana wiped £250m off high street sales

GRIEF at the death of Diana. Princess of Wales, led to a slump in the retail and housing markets, according to figures published yesterday.

The closure of many shops for at least part of the Satur-day on which the funeral was held prompted the largest fall in monthly retail sales since the depth of the recession in 1991. The Office for National Statistics said that sales were about £250 million lower in September than the previous

Separate figures produced last week by the Fritish Retail Consortium showed that about £230 million in lost sales could specifically be attributed to the Princess's death. Department stores have been especially hard hit. John Lewis calculated that its sales had dropped by more than 9 per cent in the week of the funeral. High street fashion stores discovered that consumers were reluctant to shop for clothes for a full week after the death. The Next chain estimat-

ed that the funeral cost it about £2 million in lost sales. Estate agents were hard hit during what is traditionally one of their busiest weeks as people begin to consider moving after the summer holidays. James Rebbeck, of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, said that two of the biggest house-hunting weekends of the year were greatly disrupted. "People just weren't interested in visiting estate agents. They wanted to stay in

and watch the funeral." The institution, which surWeek of sorrow

left few in a shopping mood,

report Alasdair Murray and

Emma Wilkins

found that the proportion reporting price rises had fallen to 38 per cent from 48 per cent

the previous September. Cinema attendances were also hit. Although the total audience figure for the whole last year, the weekends of the Princess's death and funeral were quieter than usual.

Virgin, which owns 28 cinemas, reported a 20 per cent drop in attendances during the weekend of the funeral. A spokesman said that the reduction was probably because Virign cinemas were closed until 3pm as a mark of respect.

Cinema attendances throughout the month were raised by the success of The Full Monty, which has so far taken E25 million. Even though it opened on August 30, the day before the Princess died, it grossed £1.6 million in the first two days — a very healthy start, according to industry sources.

The Cinema Exhibitors' Association said that 11,810,688 people visited cinemas this September compared with

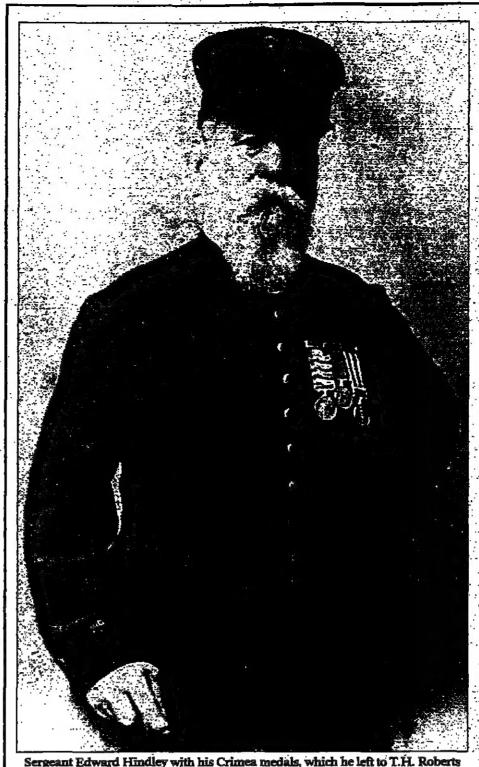
7,925,904 in September last year. "Perhaps people just wanted to escape from reality." one cinema executive said. They might have thought that seeing a film like The Full

Monty would cheer them up." Book sales have also been affected, with signs that books about the Princess are inhibiting sales of other titles. Six Diana books are now among the top 40 bestsellers, including Andrew Morton's Diana: Her True Story in her own Words at No 1 with 41,042

"People are definitely buying these Princess Diana books instead of other books," said Kate Gunning, manager of the Waterstone's bookshop in Kensington. "We are getting people coming through the door who have never been in a bookshop before and are asking for the Morton book. We have had no adverse reaction from customers even though the Princess herself was a regular customer

Theme parks also saw attendances drop as people preferred to stay at home and watch the funeral on television. First Leisure, which owns Blackpool attractions such as Sea World and the Blackpool Tower, said the funeral had made a "devastatimpact on visitor

Not all retailers have suffered. There was some increase in record sales as people rushed to buy Elton John's Candle in the Wind.



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Lord Cardigan, who led the fateful charge

Light Brigade archive recalls ride of the 600

BY JOHN VINCENT

RELICS from the Charge of the Light Brigade, including medals and mementoes from some of the survivors of the disastrous manocuvre, are to go on sale at

Sotheby's next month.

The charge which happened 43 years ago next Saturday, killed nearly five hundred of the 673 cavalrymen, and inspired Teanymen.

son's poem. The sale will include the war medals of one of the longest surviving Chargers, thich surfaced in the ar-hive of the T. H. Roberts Light Brigade Charge Survivors' Relief Fund, set up by T. Harrison Roberts in 1897 and which ran until 1923, The archive is expected to fetch up to £6.000.

It includes Sergeant Edward Hindley's Crimea War Medal, with clasps for Alma, Balaclava, Inkerman and Sebastopol, Turkish Crimea Medal and 1857 Indian Mutiny Medal, as well

soldier and an illuminated presentation manuscript givpresentation manuscript given to Mr Roberts by survivors as fley watched Queen Victoria's Jubilee procession through London 100 years ago this Saturday. whistlet work of the baby wer baby

Sergeant Hindley, who lived his final years in Liverpool, rectived £200 from the Roberts Fund and was buried at its expense. He lived

He had left instructions for his medals to be sent to Mr Roberts as a token of gratitude. The archive is being offered for sale by a descendant of Mr Roberts. Edward Playfair, medal

specialist at Sotheby's , said that the fund had paid out 28,000 to surviving Chargers by December 1911, when it still had 12 years to run. By 1914 there were 14 survivors left and the last died in

The archive goes on sale at Someby's in Billingshurst, West Sussex, on Novem-

Scientists find ring of truth on spilt coffee | Threat of TB increases

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

AN AMERICAN scientist and five colleagues have worked out why spilt coffee leaves ring-shaped stains. Millions of people must have noticed it happening, but for Sidney Nagel, of the University of Chicago, it became an

He started worrying over the probroffee stain on his kitchen counter.

spill after the liquid had evaporated? They were concentrated in a ring. A long series of experiments later, he

believes he has the answer. But first the team had to show that it happened not only with coffee. They dissolved a range of substances in various solvents and dripped them on surfaces made of metal, plastic and glass. They found the phenomenon was universal — it even happens if the drop is u Why weren't the particles of coffee down on the underside of a surface. In it might be applied to producing

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evenly distributed over the area of the Nature, they explain why. Tiny spill after the liquid had evaporated? roughnesses in all but the most perfect surfaces "pin" the edges of the drop. As the spill dries, liquid has to flow outwards to the edges to replace loss by evaporation. It carries the grains of coffee, so that they end up in a ring.

The team has come up with a mathematical model which predicts exactly how the rings form and how thick they become. There seems no

cles to form precise lines by evaporating them out of solution. ☐ Scientists at the University of California at San Francisco have discovered what makes chili peppers hot, providing new clues about how humans experience pain. They report in Nature that eating peppers and touching a hot iron set off the same process in nerve cells. The finding

tuberculosis are spreading round the world, according to the World Health Organis-

ation (Ian Murray writes). The report identifies seven areas where the strains, which are airborne, are starting to cause concern: Delhi state in India: the Ivanovo region. Russia; Latvia; Estonia; the na; and the Ivory Coast. Many countries where the strains

travel, emigration and international economic activity.

In these "hot zones" the disease is often resistant to the most commonly prescribed drugs, isoniazid and rifampicin, and therefore incurable in anyone who cannot obtain the best treatment, which costs £160,000 per patient, a sum:

are emerging. Michael Ise-man, of the University of Colorado, said the report provided scientific evidence that "the world again faces the spectre of incurable tuberculosis.

Poorer countries lack people to check that TB parients take standard drugs for six months. to ensure that the TB is effectively killed; if patients do

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Whistleblower doctor weeps over baby death

An anaesthetist says his warnings over surgeons' mortality rates were ignored, writes Kathryn Knight

A DOCTOR broke down yes-terday when he said that he pleaded with colleagues not to operate on a baby the next day because too many of their patients were dying. The boy died during heart surgery. Stephen Bolsin, 44, told the

General Medical Council that his appeal was the culmina-tion of years of anxiety. He said that he had been forced to turn whistleblower on senior colleagues because of his suspicions that babies undergoing heart surgery at Bristol Royal Infirmary were dying at twice the national rate.

His protests were constantly ignored, he said, and he was told by a surgeon involved, James Wisheart, that making such allegations was not good for his career.

Mr Wisheart, 59, medical director, and Janardan Dhasmana, 57, consultant surgeon, are accused of serious professional misconduct by contin-uing to perform cardiac surgery on babies even though they knew that the mortality rates were well above average. John Roylance, 67, chief executive of Bristol Health Care Trust, also denies serious pro-fessional misconduct and is charged with failing to use his authority to stop the opera-

The council has been told that the doctors and Mr Roylance worked at the hospital from 1988 to 1995, when 29 of the children the surgeons op-erated on died and four were left brain-damaged.

Dr Boisin, an anaesthetist at the infirmary since 1988, said he had become aware of a problem in the cardiac depart-



Samantha Rickard: one of six deaths in a year

ment by the summer of 1990.

"I believed there was a problem. I believed children were
dying unnecessarily and I assured her that there was a 75
wanted to find out if my per cent success rate. Helen suspicions were correct." he said. "We were not talking about the length of a scar or two extra days in hospital, we were talking about babies dying and I wanted to see the end of it a.s.a.p."

per cent success rate. Helen Rickard, 30, from Bristol, said

Samantha, aged 11 months, had died during the operation in 1992. Only two years later

did she learn from a television

programme that Samantha had been one of six babies to

die in one year at the infirma-ry after open heart surgery.

Ms Rickard, whose partner

Andy, committed suicide shortly before the second anni-

versary of Samantha's death, said that she had been drawn

to Mr Wisheart's charisma

and his assertion of the infir

He wrote to Mr Roylance and the district health authority, but received a "relatively dismissive" telephone call from Mr Roylance the next day, telling him that his concerns were not going to make any difference to the hospital's application for trust

Mr Wisheart, he said, had called him into his office and remonstrated with him. "The impression I got was that he was very angry the letter had gone outside the cardiac unit. He told me it must not happen in future and if my career in Bristol was to be maintained, then this sort of thing was not to happen again ... it was a salutary lesson." His senior anaesthetist had told him to

"keep his head down".

Dr Bolsin was told by Andrew Kennedy, representing Mr Wisheart, that the consultant had no recollecton of calling Dr Bolsin to a meeting about the letter. Dr Bolsin replied: "It did happen. Ir had a big affect on my career in Bristoi the tener had obviously annoyed Mr Wisheart and he was making it clear to me he didn't expect this to happen again."

Dr Bolsin told the council

that his concerns had peaked by January 1995 on realising that an arterial switch operation, a complex procedure which was a particular cause of concern, was to be performed on 18-month-old Josh-ua Loveday. "I was deeply concerned for the safety of the shild. I believed the would be exposed to an excessive and unnecessary risk of dying." His voice breaking with emotion, he said that he had

asked at a meeting with senior Wisheart, for the operation to be posmoned. He wept as he What I remember about that meeting is that I was primarily concerned about the safety of the child." Shortly after the operation. Dr Bolsin reduced his duties in the cardiac theatre and in 1996 left

to work in Australia. Earlier, a mother told the



Dr Bolsin yesterday: he told the General Medical Council his career was threatened

shares top prize with Galliano

BY GRACE BRADBERRY

ALEXANDER McQUEEN and John Galliano, the rival kings of British fashion, shared the British Designer of

the Year Award last night. Galliano, 37, now chief designer at Christian Dior, also designs his own-label collec-tion in Paris. McQueen, 28. commutes between London, where his own label is based, and Paris, where he designs

others receiving awards at the Albert Hall last night included Antonio Berardi, 27. the best New Generation designer, and Pearce Flonda -Reynold Pearce and Andrew Fionda - who won the Glam-our award. Nicole Farhi won the Contemporary Collections category, while Red or Dead, the company created by Wayne Hemingway, took the award for Street Style.

An award given for the first

time for menswear went to Paul Smith, the Nottinghambased designer, who was appointed to the Government's National Heritage "task force" earlier this year.



ELTON'S PRIDE AND JOY **Elton John on** why he loves his garden

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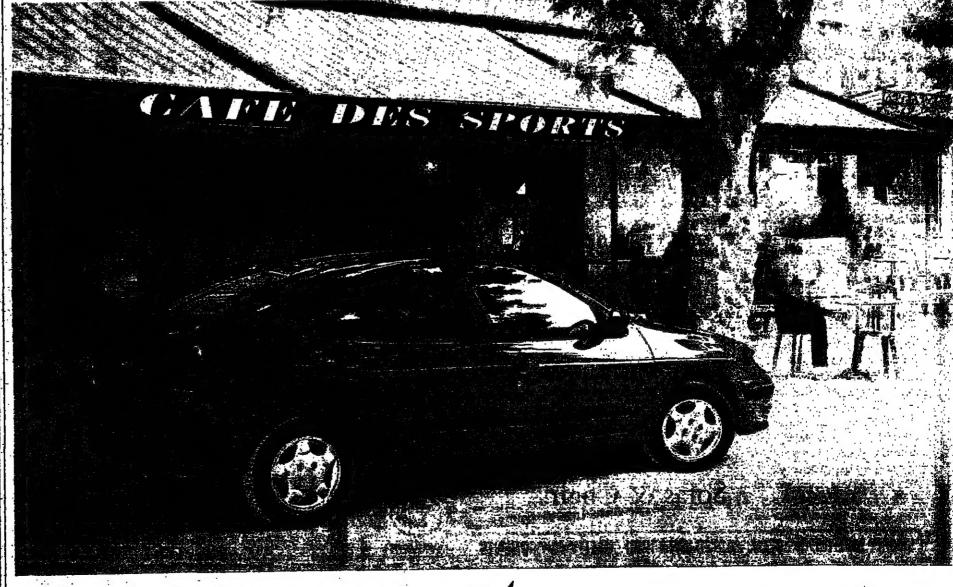
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Head teacher says school's food is inedible

A HEAD teacher has told parents that their children are going home hungry because their school meals consist of small portions of "unpalatable and indigestible food.

John Parsons believes that pupils at his Christ Church primary school in Folkestone are poorly served by a healthy eating initiative under which they are offered boney fish, beetroot and raw cabbage.

In a letter to parents, many of whom pay £1.10 a day for school meals, Mr Parsons said: "I feel I have a duty to inform you that in my opinion you are not getting value for money. Lack of supplies and quality of ingredients has resulted in the situation where too often your child has re-ceived less than the required quantity of food and often food which has been unpalatable and indigestible.

"I cannot therefore recommend the present school meal to you as a substantial meal and as such you should not rely upon this midday meal to meet your child's daily needs."

Mr Parsons told parents that he had been scrutinising the meals since the appointment six weeks ago of a firm called Chartwells State Schools, as the new contractor for Kent County Council's 610 primary schools.

Yesterday the 59 year-old head, who describes himself as "an experienced and adven-

THE MENU

sample menu with three choices of main

Vegetable nuggets and tomato ketchup, hot dog salad, or savoury minced lamb and yorkshire pudding. All main courses are accompanied by broccoli, sliced carrots and parsley

Puddings: apple and apricot crumble with custard, or chocolate mousse. Fresh fruit is always an alternative.

had required a greater variety of food, reflecting a healthy eating content, and slightly larger quantitites. But from the start there were horren-

dous supply problems. Janet Wilson, our very experienced school cook, was hard pressed to cook the meals according to the contractors' specifications. She has tried valiantly, but sometimes there were not enough ingredients."

Mr Parsons says he is surprised by the unusual food combinations specified by served things like broccoli and beetroot, which makes the broccoli spears bright pink. The fish has been very boney and meals are served with raw

cabbage.

ly. She's gone back to ordinary potatoes now.

The children just don't like the new food. We used to reckon on having half a bucket of leftovers after meals, but now it is one, two or even two and a half bucketfuls.

Parents are supporting Mr Parsons, Heidi Wilkinson, 29, whose seven-year-old son, Andrew, is a pupil, said: "Andrew always had enough to eat before this new stuff was introduced but now he never stops eating in the evenings." spokesman for Kent

County Council said that none of the other 609 schools had complained. He pointed out that Mr Parsons had tried but failed to win the catering contract on behalf of the

A spokesman for Chartwells said: The children were being served a lot of hamburger and chips before. Our aim is to introduce a more balanced and nutritional meal so that in 20 years' time we will see the benefits from a general health point of view."

Mr Parsons, a teacher for 35 years, said that he did not advocate a "chips with everything" approach but would not eat the new school food himself, "There is a very serious point in all this. For many of our children the midday meal is their main food of the day. The purpose of my letter was to warn parents that they should supplement their children's diets in the



Food for thought: Coral Kerr, 6, with her lunch at Christ Church School, Folkestone

Bread and beans rescue starving students

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

EMERGENCY food parcels of baked beans and bread have been issued to hungry Scottish students left penniless by a delay in the arrival of their naintainance grants.

About 1,000 students, or 80 per cent of the full-time intake, at the Central College of Commerce in Glasgow were given "refugee-style food supplies" yesterday to relieve what the Students Association describes as a severe hardship" crisis. They are

among 23,500 students across Scotand who have been waiting since August for their grant cheques from the Government's Student Awards

gericy. Student leaders at Central College said they decided to take action after learning that six young people had been left homeless because they were unable to pay their rent. Others had been forced to beg for food at the nightly soup kitchen at George

Square in the city centre. At midday, stalls were set up at the

college to distribute 600 tins of beans bought by the Students Association. together with 1,000 loaves of bread, cans of soft drinks and razors, all donated by the makers. Until the situation is resolved, students will be given a weekly supply of two tins of beans, two loaves of bread, two cans

of fruit juice, razors, shampoo and Euan McLeod, president of Students Association and a member

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totally unacceptable and utterly ridiculous. The blame lies squarely with the Student Awards Agency. It is unacceptable for students to be penniless at the end of October after starting their courses in late August."

Yesterday the Scottish Office said that the installation of a new computer system had held up maintenance grants and tuition fees this year. However, as of yesterday, about 73,500 of the 97,000 full-time students: of the executive of NUS Scotland, in Scotland had recieved their said: "The situation with the grants is money. Brian Wilson, Education

Minister at the Scottish Office, pointed out that the Government had advanced £27.5 million worth of tuition fees to institutions in an attempt to tackle the problem, but Central College had not yet applied.

Peter Duncan, the Principal, said that the college had made inquiries about the advance in tuition fees and had been told there was no new money. He said that releasing tuition the practical hardship experienced by

IRA unit kept Semtex in rented locker, court hears

AN IRA active service unit plotting a bombing campaign in London stored blocks of lethal high-explosive Semtex within 100 yards of Cheisea Football Club, the Old Bailey

But police who had arrested the four-man gang almost a year earlier, had no knowledge of the hidden Semtex until the owners of the private storage locker broke into it because they had not been paid. Inside, said David Waters, for the prosecution. police discovered the Semtex with which the Provisional IRA team had hoped to prime tons of home-made explosives found on the premises of another storage company.

They also discovered 12

timing power units for detonating bombs, seven boxes of .762 ammunition, and loose bullets for use in the Kalashnikov rifles with which the gang had armed

The men who had booked the locker, Mr Waters said, turned out to be Diarmuid O'Neill, 27, a gang member who had been shot dead by police as they tried to arrest him and his four accomplices in September 1996. It was, Mr Waters said, one

of two arms caches discovered by police after the men had been arrested and their main bomb factory, on an industrial estate in Hornsey, North London had been cleared of bombs, guns, detonators, and timing devices. That site had also been rented by O'Neill, he

In November, he said, six weeks after the men had been arrested, three masked men raided another self-storage unit in Shepherds Bush, West London, and confronted the manager, Michael Weaver, as he prepared to go home.

Mr Waters said they demanded access to a locker held in the name of Murphy, one of the defendants in the case. Mr Waters said: They subjected him to considerable violence and threats, and then produced bolt cutters and began cutting the locks off the units." Patrick Kelly, 31, Brian Mc-Hugh, 31, James Murphy, 26, from Chelsea, and Michael Phillips, 22, from Crawley, Sussex, all deny conspiring to

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danger life or property. On the door of one of the lockers, which had been emptied, Mr Waters said police found Mr Murphy's fingerprints. In another locker which Mr Murphy had rented three years earlier using the name Dawson, they found traces of explosives and an ammunition box. Nearby they found a photograph of him.

They later discovered that O'Neill and Mr Murphy both had keys to the padlocks which fitted the units. Mr Waters said that after the arrests, police raided the home of Mr Phillips, and discovered a "ready-to-go bag" to be used by the gang on their bombing mission. It contained screwdrivers, spanners, gloves, and Elastoplast to prevent them being traced through their blood if they cut themselves.

Mr Waters said police found traces of explosives in the hotel room rented by Mr McHugh and Mr Kelly. In Mr McHugh's wardrobe, he said, they found latex gloves, two white protective suits, overalls and an inspection light. The protective suits, he said, had been supplied by Mr Phillips, who worked as a British Airways engineer at Gatwick. and were to be used to minimise the risk of any of them being traced after planting the bombs.

In Mr Kelly's wardrobe, he said, they found documents relating to the lorry they had picked up from Sheffield which was to be used on their bombing run. In Mr Murphy's flat at Chelsea, where Neill used to stay, they found traces of explosives and a Gucci bag which contained a letter implicating O'Neill with the hiring of one of the storage

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Semtex in Balmoral plants seed of forests past



Peter Ord, the Balmoral factor, on part of the estate he hopes to reforest with Caledonian pine

Nick Nuttall reports on plans to revitalise the royal estate

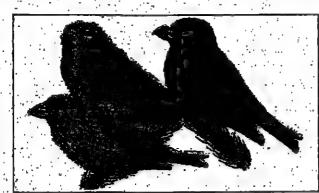
THE Royal Family is to turn the clock back-2,000 years at Balmoral by replanting large Caledonian pine forest.

The project, which will restore areas cleared of forest over recent centuries is part of a new vision for the 50,000acre estate. The aim is to bring back the original envilonment while balancing the Royal Family's enthusiasm for deerstalking and fishing with the needs of tourism.

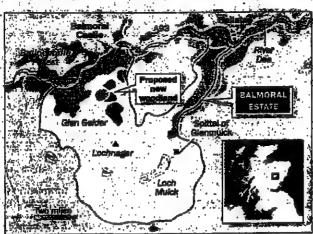
Part of the plan, devised by the Queen, the Duke of Edin-burgh and the Prince of Wales with Peter Ord, the state's new manager, or factor, will bring in car parking charges, restrictions on coaches and cars, and other access measures" at Spittal of Glenmuick to the south of the estate. The site is overwhelmed by tourists, with traffic quepeing miles down a one-track road to get to a 60-space car park.

The charges will pay for the restoration and upkeep of footpaths eroded by thousands of vistors and hill walkers, whose feet are damaging the beauty of spots such as Lochnagar, the mountain celebrated in The Old Man of Locknagar, written by the Prince of Wales.

Balmoral's main revenue comes from the 80,000 vistors to the palace and its gardens during the three summer



The crossbill, which climbs acrobatically to the end of conifer branches to extract the seeds from their cones



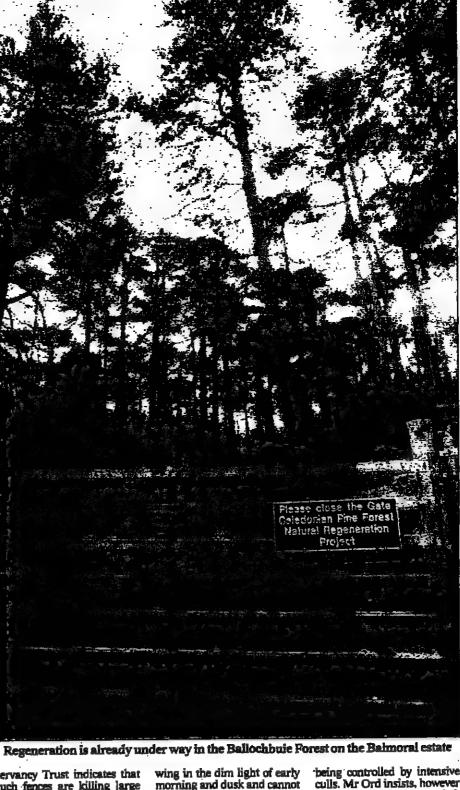
ing seed from the estate, will extend the existing woodland cover east and south into Glen

wilderness once covered with trees and other-pine wood blaeberry and juniper. The existing Caledonian pine, which covers up to 2,500 acres and is home to Britain's only indigenous bird, the crossbill, is centred on the estate's Ballochbuie Forest.

The total area to be refor ested is around 577 acres (234 hectares). It is hoped the plantings will act as centres from which the forest will seed and spread. Mr Ord said the estate, which is working with the Government's wildlife advisors, Scottish Natural Heritage, had applied to the Forestry Authority for grants under its Woodland Grants

The project could, however, exacerbate disagreement beween environmental groups and the Balmoral estate over the best way to restore native pine woods in the Highlands. Many of the last outposts are dying because of the 300,000 deer in the region which, during the winter, feed on new shoots, small trees and In an attempt to saye certain

areas of forest from being overgrazed. Balmorai has fenced off parcels of land. The first, "the tennis court", was done at the request of the Duke of Edinburgh 25 years ago. "He realised there was an overgrazing problem 25 years ago and that we needed to regenerate the land," Mr Ord said. In 1977, 50 acres were fenced in, followed by 700 acres six years ago. The new forest areas will also be



servancy Trust indicates that such fences are killing large numbers of rare woodland birds, including black cock and capercaille. These shy

wing in the dim light of early morning and dusk and cannot see the oft deer fences.

At the nearby Abernethy estate, now owned by the Royal Society for the Protec-

that the experiments on Baimoral prove that fencing is the best solution for an estate trying to balance the needs of

Rebecca Maloney, a curator at the National Monuments Record of Scotland, would have been dressed

Hospital accepts murder case cash

An Adelaide hospital has finally agreed to accept £500,000 from a deal to save the nurse Deborah Parry from execution in Saudi Arabia. A swift verdict is now expected on Parry, 38, of Alton, Hampshire, on a charge of killing a colleague. The hospital was reluctant to take the cash, part of £1.2 million raised for the victim's brother, Frank Gilford, in exchange for waiving the death penalty. But a spokesman said: The truly immoral act might have been if the money was kept by Mr Gilford."

Mobile unity

From January 1, 1999, mobile phone users will be able to keep their numbers when they switch opera-tors. Oftel, the industry watchdog, said it had reached agreement with all four mobile operators.

Car search

Police hunting the killer of Thomas Marshall, 12, are to question the 905 owners of black Saab 900s in East Anglia. Such a car was en near Thomas's home in Happisburgh, Norfolk, the day he was abducted.

Ticklish task

Japanese engineers have produced a wool that they claim will eliminate itchiness. The fibres are treated chemicals then stretched to remove the characteristics that make woolly jumpers ticklish.

Mine exploded

A minesweeper detonated a Second World War mine at the mouth of the Thames. HMS Brocklesby was surveying the area partly in preparation for the Royal Yacht Britannia's last visit to London.

Rider killed

skilled horsewoman was killed when her horse threw her in a country lane. Margaret Simmons. 60, of Moorlinch, Somerset, a grandmother, was training the horse for dres-

Ooh Laa-Laa

A couple have called their baby daughter Las-Las, after the character in the BBC's Teletubbles. Jagdish Sohpal and his wife, Kamlesh, of Birmingham. had asked her two-yearold sister for a name.

Walking in the woods was no teddy bear's picnic

WALKING through the forests of the Scottish Highlands 2,000 years ago would have been a frightening would have had no National Trust acorns or cleared pathways to

have been vast and thick with incient trees would have formed hunted red and roe deer, which were plentiful. Now that the wolf is extinct, spiralling deer population

similar to that found today in many of the wilder parts of the Balmoral estate. The difference, according to Philip Lusbury, a botanist at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh, would have been mainly in

Wolves, Pictish warriors and fallen trees would have been among the dangers faced by travellers in Balmoral forest 2,000 years ago, writes Peter Foster

the abundance of now-rare pinewood herbs such as twinflower. with its pink, bell-shaped flowers,

and a thick carpet of beather mixed

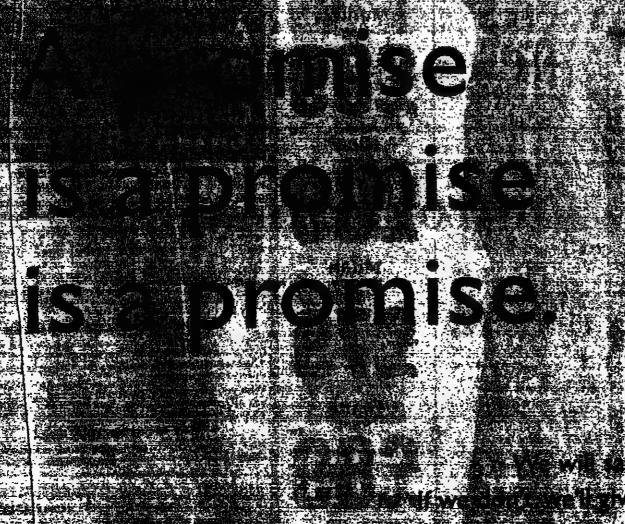
might have been heard. According to Mr Lusbury, centu-

ries of forest management has greatly reduced the number of old trees in the forest. Coming to a clearing in the forest, a late Iron Age traveller might have encountered a clutch of round Pictish houses built from timber and

in skins and possibly covered in the blue woad, or pigment, which so frightened Caesar's troops. But in 3BC, about 80 years before the Romans reached lowland Scotland, the people lived untroubled in small communities

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disturbed pupils disturbed children would win

the right to demand a mainstream school place under government plans to cut the numbers in special schools. David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, yesterday launched a Green Paper aimed at offering normal school life to as many of the **BLUNKETT'S UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE**

98,000 youngsters in special schools as possible. These children have been thought too difficult to teach in ordinary schools because of physi-cal or behavioural problems. including autism, blindness

Schools may be

forced to teach

The Government's range of options for bringing them back into the classroom in-

David Blunkett's experience of a special school education did not endear him to the idea of segregation for disabled children. Mr Blunkett hated his time at schools for the blind. His experience of Special Educational Needs developed further when he fought for specialist teaching for two of his three boys.

In law, a child has Special Educational Needs if they have a learning difficulty — a significantly greater difficulty in learning than most children the same age — or a disability which makes it difficult to use the local educational facilities.

By David Charter, education corresponden cludes extra money to train reachers to cope with their demands. It also wants to reduce by a third the 233,000 children with a Statement of Special Needs, the legally binding document which details the help a school should give these children.

The Green Paper adds: "We could change the law so that local education authorities would have to secure a mainstream school placement for such pupils where this accorded with parent wishes."

The plans were called a "recipe for disaster" by one of the largest teaching unions. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers said: "We simply have to be realistic and recognise that there are some children who simply cannot be dealt with in mainstream classes. To expect



A signer translates as David Blunkert launches his Green Paper on special education. A teachers' leader attacked it as a recipe for disaster

other children in the class and meet the Government's targets to raise standards is living in cloud-cuckoo land."

Mr de Gruchy warned that, as in other high-profile cases strike rather than teach uncontrollable children. Disruptive pupils accounted for many early retirements and put graduates off entering the profession, he said. "It is

and solve all our deep-seated social problems."

Mr Blunkett said he did not want the Green Paper, Excellence for all Children, to be hijacked" by the issue of disruptive pupils. There was a "forgotten army" of 1.5 million children who needed a degree of special needs at some stag of their school career, he said. many of whom would be able

ed that special schools would always be required for children with severe problems, but he wanted these schools to work more closely with mainstream ones so that the youngsters could readily return to the classroom and specialist teachers could advise all

schools. There is no question of children remaining in a class-

well-being of others," he added. Mr Blunkett said the system of issuing Statements of Special Needs was bureaucratic and wasteful. The number has risen sharply from 153,000 to 233,000 since 1991, and there are 2.000 cases before Special Needs tribunals

tion authority decisions. Green: Paper was to enable teachers to identify problems

as parents challenge educa-

ren the help they needed to stay in mainstream schools,

His aim of cutting the number of Statements of Special Needs from 3 per cent of all children to 2 per cent was Simmons of the Independent Panel for Special Education

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up cowboys in used car yard BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

OFT to round

A MOVE to sweep the sharks from secondhand car forecourts was launched yesterday by John Bridgeman, Director General of Pair Trading.

In a damning report on rogue dealers, he said: The extent of the problems is appalling Action must be taken significantly to reduce the risk in braying a used car." He urged reform of the 1973 Fair Trading Act to clean up the market, which tops the eague of consumer complaints.

Mr Bridgeman said that up to 28,000 cars written off after accidents went back on the roads every year, endangering standards officers, mandatory not only the new owners but mileage motification to the other road users. The Office of Fair Trading (OFT), which issued a checklist for buyers, reported that:

about eight million used cars are sold each year and one buyer in six bas a problem within six months

"clockers", who turn back mileage readings, cost con-sumers £100 million a year many of the estimated 500,000 cars stolen every year are bought by unsuspecting consumers who may be forced to surrender, them without compensation.

□one in seven cars on sale.

that were checked by database company had 5nance or hire purchase out-

A clean-up of rogue dealers requires new powers for the part III of the Fair Trading Ace which it describes as slow. complex and often meffective. to give buyers more protection.

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Other recommendations included stronger controls on "clocking", better forecourt inspection powers for trading DVLA, and the availability of open information to motor database compilers.

The Retail Motor Industry Rederation welcomed the OFFs findings. Christopher Mcgowan, chief executive, said: "We are keen to introduce a system of self-regulation which will force the bad practitioners out of our industry once and for all.".

The report, Selling Secondaand Cars, and checklist, Buying a Used Car?, are available free from the OFT, PO Box 172, East Molesey,



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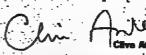
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French policy shift leaves old African allies out in cold

CONGOLESE officials waiting to greet their former colonial masters shifted from foot-to-foot like junior servants in a Victorian parade of domestics as a French military corps arrived here this week.

They were part of a welcoming party for the 38 French medical staff but had clearly heard little of the shift in France's Africa policy which has moved from unilateral support for Paris's client states to international co-operation. Raymond Cesaire the

French Ambassador to what is left of Brazzaville, stood in the wreck of the arrival hall of Maya Maya airport. He welcomed the soldiers as part of an international mission, and in the name of France",

The patriotic words in his peech were all that remained of 30 years of French policy in Africa, in which former colonies were run by seconded civil servants and propped up

Mobum: Paris failed

Smarting from its failure to keep the late President Mobutu in power in the former Zaire, and from international condemnation for supplying weapons to the Hutu regime in Rwanda before, during, and after the 1994 genocide of Tutsis and Hutu moderates, Hubert Vedrine, the French Foreign Minister,

has been travelling the continent in search of friends among Les Anglophones. This would have smacked of treason under, previous governments, to whom preserving French influence on the continent was a sacred mission. In Cape Town recently, M Védrine explained the new gentle approach to Africa: France will work within inter-

national structures such as the United Nations and the Organisation of African Unity. The days of sending Foreign Legionnaires to put out African political upheavals were over. Congo's factions were left to battle it out without

The reality of the new order was evident in Brazzaville: the Congolese officials at the welcoming ceremony were taken aback to see fresh-faced medical officers, female murses and smiling commanders standing on the airport tarmac rather than rugged commandos. The doctors, murses and Other staff for a field hospital are serving soldlers, but come from the civil security unit of the army; their job is to serve civilians and not to out down coups or break up civil wars.
The shift in Paris's policy,



'Boesak spent Paul Simon money'

Johannesburg: Allan Boesak, the fallen African National keeper of squandering money donated by the American singer Paul Simon and others for black victims of apartheid to fund a high life of luxury cars, expensive clothes and best restaurants (Inigo Gilmore writes).

Freddie Steenkamp, former bookkeeper for the now de-funct Foundation for Peace and Justice told the Cape



High Court that he had fol-lowed Dr Boesak's example in spending lavishly on cars, clothes and travelling first class. Steenkamp, who has been found guilty on fraud and theft charges totalling more than 900,000 rands (£125,000), gave evidence that he had been tutored by the man he referred to as his idol" in how to appreciate fine wines and dine in the most expensive restaurants.

The claims were part of a

the misappropriation of more than 2 million rands in funds donated by Mr Simon, the Coca-Cola Foundation and Scandanavian aid agencies to help South Africa's most needy. He told the court that he would be willing to give evidence for the prosecu in Dr Boesak's trial, which begins in February.

to have made about his role in

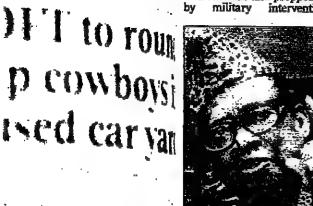
The trial of one of the antiapartheid struggle's most

United States this year, Dullah Omar, the Justice the ruling party. After the allegations first surfaced three years ago, an ANC internal investigation cleared Minister, was widely criticised for meeting him at the Dr Boesak of any wrongdoairport and expressing his support. Dr Boesak decided not to take up his appointthe Scandinavian churches continued to put pressure on the South African authorities that the matter was taken up by the Office for Serious Economic Offences, whose investigations led to the prose

cution of both men When Dr Boesak returned

ment as Ambassador-designate to the United Nations in Geneva when accusations that he had embezzled 1.1 million rands surfaced three years ago. He has always

maintained his innocence Steenkamp is expected to be sentenced today.



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on the Government to scrap Conservative legislation that . bars dependent territory citizens from coming to Britain.

St Helena, a speck without an airstrip in the South Atlantic, was dealt a severe blow by the 1981 Nationality Act which prevented its people taking temporary jobs in Britain, one of the few sources of income for the population. It has a high unemployment rate and has been trying to attract new investment, but still needs an enormous British subsidy to

balance the budget. Lord Iveagh, a cross-bencher, said he had clear support from the Government, and ,also from the Conservatives. His Bill is modelled on the special mea-It will increase the pressure sure rushed through Parliament by the Thatcher Government in 1983 which Falkland islanders. Of the II only the 30,000 inhabitants of Gibraitar are also full British

> The Saints, as St Helena's inhabitants are called, have long denounced the 1981 Act as a breach of a promise made by Charles II in 1673 that they and their descendants should enjoy all the "liberties and franchises" of the realm.



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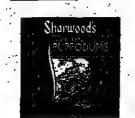


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Faso and Togo, may take some

explaining to the Congolese.
Paul Eticault, a French-

trained civil servant turned

rebel commander, is pleased

with the outcome of the civil

war in Congo-Brazzaville,

which has been won by Gener-

al Denis Sassou-Nguesso and

his Angolan allies. But he remained bemused as to why

Paris did not send troops to

defend its former colony and

substantial oil interests held

by Elf Aquitaine. Shaking his

head in dismay at the destruc-

tion of central Brazzaville, he

asked: "The French have al-

ways been our mentors. Why

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policy, but it is clear here that

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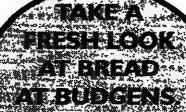
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cre in Sidi Rais recall hearing

victims pleading with their killers

moments before death, asking not that their lives be spared, but to be

"I could hear a young woman

begging to be shot in the courtyard

below my house," said a young

man who only survived because he

was out off from the attackers by

flames on the roof terrace of his

home. "She began screaming but

the noise suddenly stopped. Yet,

killing spree south of Algiers last

Algerians go to the polls today to

vote on the composition of munici-

pal authorities. It is the third and

final stage of the state's self-styled

passage to "democracy", initiated in 1995 when President Zeroual, a

retired general, swept to power in

thin one in Algeria's latest political

charade, and rather than elections

it is more the slashed throats and

severed heads of the victims of the

war that have become an interna-

tional symbol of the country's

One of the most sinister aspects

of the killings in Sidi Rais is that

among the killers were youths from

the village well known to their

victims. "About 30 young men from

here disappeared last year when

the army started making its pres-

ence known more often. They fled

to the mountains to join the

terrorists," said Omar, a survivor.

These same young men returned

with others to do the killings. In

some cases even their family mem-

has to know of a nation

traumatised by its war of indepen-

dence against the French. That

conflict ended in 1962 after hun-

dreds of thousands of deaths. For

the next three decades the National

Liberation Front governed the

country as the sole ruling party,

destroying the education system set

up by the French and substituting

for it an inept Algerian alternative.

It was a despotic state in which

To understand Algeria's war one

bers were slaughtered."

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death by bullet Severed heads and

> mutilation have become a symbol of political conflict,

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writes in Algiers political corruption flourished as

urhan slums mushroomed. Into this vacuum in the 1970s came the teachings and influence of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood, a fundamentalist Islamic group born in Cairo in the 1920s. Their teachings found fertile ground in the universities here where students, even the children of the bourgeoisie, were disaffected by the stagnation and depression of the state and sought some alternative," said a professor from Ben-Aknoun University in Algiers. "In 1980, in our university, we had what many believe to be the first killing of the current war, when Kemal Amzal, a

democratic student, was stabbed

by Islamists. Radicalisation fol-



Zeroual: launched state on path to democracy

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lowed like a virus into the new education system, with many of the teachers preaching a form of rabid

Islam to their pupils."

Throughout the 1980s, extremist strains of Islam took root. A pluralist constitution in 1989 gave authorisation to a variety of Islamic political parties that had operated underground; that year they grouped themselves as the Islamic Salvation Front, the FIS.

In the run-up to the 1991 elections the FIS promoted itself as the architect of political change linked to democracy and a form of diluted Islamic government. The first of two voting rounds at the end of the year suggested that the FIS would win with a landslide majority.

Millions of young Algerians gave them their vote, more as a symbol dissatisfaction with the oppresive incumbent government than out of any desire to live in an Islamic state.

But the army cancelled the second round amid a wave of panic as FIS leaders revealed their intent to reshape society along religious lines. The FIS was dissolved and many leaders imprisoned, and the political turbulence that followed was overshadowed by attacks by the FIS military wing, the Islamic Salvation Army.

The Government's crackdown drove more recruits to the extremists as factions emerged. Atrocities were still rare, however, until the end of 1993 when a splinter group of the FIS formed the Armed

Islamic Group, the GIA.

The GIA is the youngest terror group in Algeria. Its leader, the lusive Antar Zouabri, is in his 20s. Largely, but not exclusively, drawing teenage recruits from poor elements of Algerian society, the group subjects trainees to extreme indoctrination in underground madrassas (religious schools).

"Their logic is perverted to the point where killing is not a crime." said an army officer who is a veteran of operations against the GIA. "We are talking about very. young men who have had nothing in their lives but hardship and poverty, then suddenly they are offered warmth and hospitality by



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An Algerian boy demonstrating in the capital with a poster depicting his missing brother.

GIA teachers. Slowly, they are eped in a new religious doctrine. Psychologically, their interpretation of God becomes an absolute in their lives. They are told to kill those who are not 'with them' in their beliefs and absolve themselves from responsibility because they believe it is not even their will to kill, but the will of God. We have taken prisoners who genuinely

believe that in killing a child they become closer to God by saving their victim's soul. It is a travesty of Islamic faith but they are beyond all reason," the officer said.

"The GIA," he said, "knows that. the crueller their actions the more impact they have on Algerian society and the international community. Beheading and mutilation

atroclous, they are atroclous, but it is no more than a predictable evolution of violence in Algeria,

eded in our war with the French. Militarily we can contain the situation but we are not in a position to crush it. You cannot fight an idea with the army alone." And, unfortunately, the political stalemate will allow little to

Chemical weapons 'tested in Sahara'

FROM BEN MACINITYRE

FRENCH military scientists continued to test chemical and bacterial weapons in Algeria for 10 years after the former colony gained independence, according to evidence obtained by a French

President de Gaulle ordered the continuation of the experiments at a northern Sahara base codenamen "B2 Namous" under a top-secret clause in the independence agreement signed with the Algerian Government in 1962. Le Nouvel Observateur

Pierre Messmer, De Armed Forces, has admitted that the 30-square-mile base, 70 miles from the Moroccan border, remained in use. In 1967, France signed another confidential agreement with Houari Boumédiennie, then Algeria's President, which let French scientists continue work on chemical weapons. Hundreds of French mili-

tary officials worked at the base posing as dvilian employees of a subsidiary of the French company Thomsom, the magazine says.

The weapons-testing centre, opened in 1935, was not closed until 1978. ■ Inquiry order. France or deted an official inquity info the October 1961 killing of Algerian protesters in Paris after Liberation, the French daily newspaper, published records yesterday which it d, proved that far more died than has been admitted:

Historians say between 200 and 300 people were killed by police, with many bodies thrown into the Seine. The massacre returned to the limelight this month during the trial of Maurice Papon, the Second World War collaborator who was Paris

police chief in 1961. The Bordeaux trial of the former minister, now 87. was he became ill M Papon has denied ordering the arrest of 1,560 Jews during the Nazi occupation years. (Renters)

Mandela embrace lifts Libya out of isolation

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

AMID tumultuous rejoicing in Tripoli, President Mandela yesterday embraced Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, after driving 100 miles across desert for a visit Libya is hailing as a breakthrough in its international isolation. The South African leader.

79, was driven in a 50-vehicle motorcade to the ruins of a former Gaddafi residence hit by US bombers in 1986. Under welcoming banners, and with the streets festooned with South African flags, he was received at the Azizia barracks, where Colonel Gaddafi now lives, for talks to try to end the international standoff over Libya's refusal to surrender two men accused of the 1988 Lockerbie.

bombing for trial in Scotland or America. Tomorrow Mr Mandela is due at the Commonwealth summit in Scotland, where feeling still runs high over the Pan Am plane bombing that claimed 270 lives.

He was greeted with a hug and a kiss on each cheek by Colonel Gaddafi, and replied: "My brother leader, my brother leader. How nice to see you." His visit is a political coup for the colonel, and the most important since sanctions were imposed in 1992. South Africa's Amba

to Libya and Tunisia said it was to thank the people of Libya for standing by South Africa during the years of struggle against apartheid.

Mr Mandela twice visited Tripoli after his release from jail in 1990 before he became

The move has appalled Britain and America. Yesterday the State Department said: To give the Libyans any solace would be unfortinate." British criticism has been muted so as not to offend Mr Mandela before he

The International Court of Justice in The Hague yesterday wound up its Lockerble hearings without an agreement between Britain, America and Libya as to where the suspects should stand trial, and who should decide.

Magnus Linklater, page 20

Shake-up demand for Belgian justice

FROM REUTERS IN BRUSSELS

BELGIUM'S criminal justice system is mellicient and in need of a thorough shake-up. according to a report yester-day by a parliamentary com-

mittee investigating a series of 1980s murders.

The daylight shootings of a total of 28 people in the Francophone south of the country in the 1980s have never been solved, although various theories have attribut-

right-wing plot to destablise the state.

The report proposed creating a federal public prosecutors office, with national magistrates to run investigations that cross the boundaries of the 26 regional prosecutors, and said that failures by palice to pass evidence to investigat.

ing magistrates should be sevcrely punished. It found no evidence of a right-wing plot or of police involvement. In April a committee investigating a series of child rapes

and murders revealed bungling, incompetence and rival-by smeng police and magistrates. ☐ More remains: Belgian au-

thorities said they had found more human bones in one of three houses owned by Andras Pandy, 70, a Hungarian-born Protestant minister being held on suspicion of murdering six members of his family. Hungarian police were searching a property owned by Mr Pandy in Dunakeszi, near Budapest looking for any evidence that he may have killed there.

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The plots pit America's

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seeking revenge for losing the

In an article attacking

Hollywood in this week's Itogi magazine, Yuri Gladil-shchikov said that the on-

slaught had not been so bad

since the 1980s, when Sylves-

ter Stallone single-handedly

took on the "Evil Empire" in

his Rocky and Rambo films.

bomb in Peacemaker.

Cold War.

Rights protests lock loom ahead of lock Jiang's US-visit Hear Jiang's US-visit ed its position that the relationship could not reach it that potential while abuse adding: "We liar

Chinese leader for 18 years, President Jiang Zemin is said to be pouring over dossiers on the American work ethic, pioneer spirit and innovative

He has been briefed not to react sharply to intrusive questions by the American press: The Washington Post has devoted lengthy specula-tion to the colour of hair dye he will choose. In an attempt to "act American", Mr Jiang is also apparently thinking of singing or playing the piano on at least one evening during the packed week.

Beijing and Washington have spent the past few days competing to seem the friendlier. Both say they want the trip to blow away the frost which descended after the 1989 Tiananmen Square killings. President Clinton and Mr Jiang, who meet formally next Wednesday, plan to announce a batch of new curbs on arms sales and nuclear pro-

For all the bonhomie ahead of the visit, the week will be dogged by the "terrible Ts", as one American official calls them — Tiananmen, Tibet and Taiwan. Activists, from Richard Gere to Harvard University students, have planned their protests against human rights abuses, while within Congress, the religious Right and liberals have allied against Chinese oppression. Mr Clinton, who has fa**AMERICAN AGENDA**

voured more trade with China. throughout his presidency, will continue to come under fire from these quarters. He is, also concerned not to give ammunition to Republicans pursuing allegations of murky fund-raising practices, who will seize un any sign that he is

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too cosy with his guests. However the danger now is that the accusations that he is "too soft" on Chinese human rights abuses are so simplifying the debate about how America should deal with. China that the most important issues are buried.

The issues Mr Clinton should focus on are China's claims to Taiwan, and the risk that if it enters the World Trade Organisation, it will distort that valuable body beyond recognition.

Judging by this week's positioning, next week will see little progress on the human rights question. On Tuesday, the State Department repeat-

continued, adding: "We have long made clear to the Chinese Government that the unjustified imprisonment of political dissidents is a major problem in our relationship". Yesterday, the Chinese Embassy in Washington issued a hardline statement saying that Tianan-men would not be discussed, that Tibet was an internal matter and that dissidents were being treated in accordance with Chinese law.

is the one which threatens to present Washington with the eatest problems. Since the July I Hong Kong handover. America has ducked direct comment on China's claim to Taiwan. The pact last month to

Of the "terrible Ts", Taiwan

strengthen American-Japa-nese military links gave some sign that America is willing to irritate China to assert its though Mr Clinton may choose to avoid the question of 'Taiwan this week, he will not be able to do so for ever. On the economic front.

again. Congress has tended to simplify the choices: America trades with China, or it does not. In fact, as Mr Clinton has recognised, America aiready trades extensively with China. and its companies want that trade to grow. The more troublesome question is exactly how America chooses to

trade with China. China's hint last week that it



Actresss Bai Ling at the New York premiere of Red Corner, which co-stars Richard Gere, a champion of the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan leader. The film is about an American lawyer facing trumped-up murder charges in China

might trim some of its highest tariffs to win entry to the WTO won praise from some members, who claimed it marked a radical shift of mood. But China's remarks fell far short of a pledge to work by the WTO's rules, without de-

manding years of special concessions. Those could undermine the framework of the WTO, which has made one of the most valuable contributions towards international trade for decades. Those who clamour for Mr Clinton to be

"tough on China" would do

better to be precise and demand that he is tough on China's claims to Taiwan, and on the terms on which it enters the WTO. Otherwise, these crucial issues risk being lost in the trivial or intractable.

He argued that in today's politically correct Hollywood. Russians were the perfect target for film-makers afraid of offending minority groups by casting blacks, Asians or Latinos as Villains. needed. The reports suggest Of more concern is the long-term negative impact on mil-

lions of viewers, many young people with only a vague idea of the real Russia. Mikhail Seslavinsky, a Russian MP, said its directors should fight back. "I would

love to see a movie about

American special forces, with

their big ears and silly faces,

bongling an operation."

Warring factions 'put whale authority in peril'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

PRINCE RAINIER of Mona-AFTER decades of being cast as the baddies in Cold War co has given a warning that spy films, Russians are the international Whaling Commission could break up increasingly disturbed by a unless its warring factions can trend in Hollywood to depict them again as the global reach a compromise on whale hunting.

Despite Russia having in-The commission, meeting in Monaco, is considering a protroduced democratic reforms. posal to allow the resumption dismantled its empire and of limited whale hunts in dishanded the KGB, script territorial waters, amid fears writers and film directors seem keener still to see that unless the two sides in the American heroes battle Rusdehate agree to compromise, the commission itself may be doomed to extinction.

The trend has brought calls for retaliation, with some The battle lines between even suggesting, jokingly, the advocates and opponents of need for the country's directors to hit back with antipoint where there are fears American films. that the commission may simply disintegrate. "The conflict Over the past three years between the whaling and antiseveral films, including three whaling coalitions looks more blockhusters this year, have shown evil Russians plot in and more like a no-win situa-

tion for the whales," Prince Rainier, a commission delegate, said this week. "As anti-whaling forces gain sufficient strength to impose their views unilaterally, the temptation will grow larger for whaling nations to defect from this commission, in perfect legality, and resume commercial whaling under their

own rules." Tribal success: The Maka. an Indian tribe with lands bordering the Pacific in Washington state, which last whaled 70 years ago, looked set last night set to win the right to resume hunting with the commission's blessing.

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Rainier: Whales "face no-win situation"

Swiss 'main conduit for Nazi gold'

American government report on treasures hoarded during the Helocaust will conclude that almost all the Nazi gold sent to neutral European countries was filtered through Switzerland (Tom Rhodes writes).

The second document prepared by Stuart Eizenstat, an Under-Secretary of State, is expected to focus largely on Nazi dealings with Sweden, Turkey, Portugal and Argen

ate,

the central role played by the Swiss. National Bank as a conduit for gold stolen from victims of the Holocaust.

In his first report, Mr Eizenstat concluded that Nazi transactions with the Swiss helped to prolong the war and, for the first time. showed that some of the gold sent abroad had been melted down from the teeth of beath canno victims.

Swiss politicians believe as Sweden and Portugal.

days, will be less critical of their country, nevertheless, its conclusions are likely to confirm Switzerland's central

role in dispersing Nazi loot. In some cases the Swiss made lorry deliveries to Lisbon and Madrid. At other times, Germany sent gold to the Swiss National Bank as a holding point before it was transferred to countries such

Nuclear stockpiles 'open to theft' Washington: Decaying stock-

plies of nuclear weapons across the United States are increasingly vulnerable to theft or sabotage, according to government reports (Bronwen Maddox writes).

Safeguards are inadequate. studies by the Pentagon and the Energy Department have found. The audits, obtained by USA Today, chronicle the steady reduction in security since the end of the Cold War. The Energy Department. ties, stopped building arma-ments in 1991 when the Soviet Union collapsed.

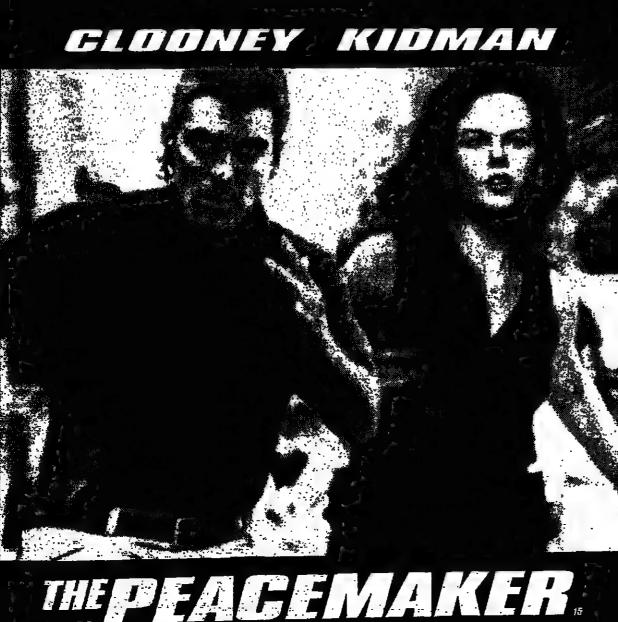
Under international treaties, it is dismantling some nuclear weapons and refraining from testing others. As a result, it faces a worsening problem of storing dismantled components, including plutonium and enriched uranium. It is also trying to prevent ageing warheads from deteriorating in the face of growing

that the Government has cut too deeply into security budgets. They point particularly to problems at Rocky Flats in Colorado, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California and the Mound plant in Ohio.

they would still function if

At Rocky Flats, they say, there were so many false alerts that security guards stopped responding to alarms.

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Netanyahu stirs fury by saying Left is un-Jewish

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

when the Knesset returns next ISRAEL'S right-wing Prime week after a break for the Minister, Binyamin Netan-Jewish New Year holiday. yahu, sparked a political In a country whose 49-year storm yesterday when supposhistory has been dominated by the left-right divide, his reedly private remarks suggestthat his left-wing marks were seen as a crude opponents were not good Jews attempt to belittle nearly half were picked up by a radio microphone and broadcast to the electorate who voted for Shimon Peres, his left-wing

think they will put our security

reporter had his microphone

Before an aide could stop

him, Mr Netanyahu, who was at a birthday celebration at-

tended by the rabbi, added in a jeering tone: Whoever

heard of such a thing? It is as if

the (biblical) spies (12 of whom

were sent into the Promised

Land to report back to the

Jews in the desert) came and

said: 'Not only are they mighty and we are alraid of them, but

they are mighty and we will let

them protect us'. That is

The reaction from Labour

and Meretz, the main left-

one of fury. They have tabled a

rival in last year's election. Ophir Pines, a Labour MP, what it is to be Jewish. They filed a police complaint, claiming that the Prime Minister's in the hands of Arabs - that Arabs will take care of us. We comments constitued a serious will give them part of Israel slander against the Israeli public and a "breach of public and they will take care of us." the Prime Minister whispered to Yitzhak Kadoori, a rabbi, unaware that an Israel Radio

Ehud Barak, the Labour leader, said: "It is embarrassing to see the Prime Minister whispering sedition into the ear of such an important and venerable rabbi on a holiday of unity. He cannot teach us what Judaism is nor what responsibility for sec-

Yossi Sarid, the leader of Meretz, said: "A person has to be really low to say what Netanytahu dared say about half of the nation. The left wing, according to Netanyahu, has forgotten what it is to be Jewish, but Netanyahu has forgotten how to be a

Even Natan Sharansky, the wing opposition parties, was Minister for Trade and Industry and a strong Netanyahu supporter, was critical of the motion of no confidence for

remarks, which come as the peace accord with the Palestinians remains deadlocked. "A 'good Jew' or a 'not so good Jew' is not measured by a political standpoint," the for-

mer Soviet dissident said. "We are all Jews and we all want the best for the state. I expect all leaders to emphasise what unites us and not what divides But a hardcore of supporters went to the Prime Minister's Jerusalem home to demonstrate their support for him. Mr Netanyahu, in the

meantime, has refused to apol-

ogise, saying his remarks had

been taken out of context. He

also accused the Left of incitement against his Government. "It is absolute nonsense that I have doubts about the 'Jewishness' of any leftists," he told Israel Radio in a typically combative interview. He said that he intended only to question their commitment to security and "did not pay

Asked if he was prepared to say sorry. Mr Netanyahu, who earlier this week was presented with a gas mask by left-wing Peace Now members in a mock celebration of his birthday, snapped: "Look, do you want me to apologise for something that I did not mean?"

microphone.



Sheikh Ahmed Yassin sits in front of a Hamas poster at the Islamic University in the Gaza Strip. He urged Hamas to fight the Israeli occupation until it is removed

WORLD IN BRIEF

W constructive of the construction of the cons Dismissal of Indian leaders reversed

Delhi: The Indian Cabinet decided yesterday to reverse a decision to seek the dismissal of Uttar Pradesh's Hindu nationalist government. Officials were quoted as saying that the centre-left Cabinet of the Prime Minister, Inder Kumar Gujral, decided not to recommend federal rule after

President Narayanan urged it to reconsider.

Abuse and chairs had been hurled as the state's Bharatiya Janata Party government won a confidence vote — violence that led the state governor to recommend dismissal. (Reuters)

El Niño 'killing seabirds'

Anchorage: Hundreds of thousands of Alaskan seabirds are thought to have starved to death because of El Niño, the Pacific weather phenomenon. The US Fish and Wildlife Service said warmer sea temperatures caused by El Niño were forcing the birds food sources — zooplankton and small fish — deeper into the ocean, beyond their reach. (Reuters)

Budget victory for Yeltsin

Moscow: Russia's opposition Communist Party, led by Gennadi Zyuganov, right, withdrew a motion of no confidence in the Yeltsin administration, effectively clearing the way for the 1998 budget to go through the Duma (Robin Lodge writes). Mr Zyuganov described the move as a victory, saying that the Government had granted a review of tax reforms and television airtime to



Bodies taken from ship

Brindisi: Relatives sobbed as the first of an expected 92 bodies were taken from the wrecked Kater i Rades, towed here after being salvaged (Richard Owen writes). The former topedo boat, packed with Albanians fleeing anarchy, sank after a collision with an Italian naval vessel on Good Friday. She will be returned to Albania to become a monument.

Plenty more room inside

Brasilia: A law, to be ratified tomorrow, obliges the Brazilian capital's theatres and buses to provide seats at least 3ft wide for fat people. Theatres will have to reserve 3 per cent of their seats for "citizens with robust figures who wish to enjoy cultural events" and buses will have to have at least one seat that is twice the size of the rest of their seats. (AP)

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Pandas breed problems



Beijing: Giant pandas, threat-ened in the wild with extinction, have created an overpopulation problem in Chinese zoos, the China Daily reported. "The steady increase in the number of captive pandas in the country is causing strains on facilities," it said. Since 1963, 179 pandas have been born in reserves or zoos. The fertility rate has grown with the development of new breeding

Niarchos family battle over £7bn will will. Niarchos, who died in Switzerland FROM JOHN CARR in April 1996, left no provision for Ms IN ATHENS Ford, whose existence he had virtually jurisdiction over the case. ignored. They had met once in Greece in 1978. Former Niarchos associates say the

ONE of the Inheritors of the £7 billion Stavros Niarchos fortune is blocking a bld for some of the money by the late shipping magnate's daughter.

An Athens court this week is hearing the case of Constantine Drakopoulos, a Niarchos grand-nephew and one of nine beneficiaries of the tycoon's will, who has filed a suit to block the claim of Helen Ford. The 31-year-old car heiress claims to be a legitimate daughter of Niarchos and Charlotte Ford, who were married in 1965. The marriage was dissolved two

shipping magnate was initially put out by the meeting, but later showed the girl basic courtesy. To distance the tycoon from potential embarrassment, his entourage is believed to have started a rumour that Ms Ford was the illegitimate child of Constantine, the then King

Mr Drakopoulos claims that Ms Ford has no legitimate status as a daughter of his great-uncle because the marriage to the Athens court to be included in the therefore illegal in Greece at the time. He a charity.

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also says that because Niarchos lived in Switzerland until his death, a Swiss rather than a Greek court should have Judicial sources in Athens said a verdlet is expected within four months.

However, by express provision of Niarchos's will, none of the beneficiaries will be able to touch any of the fortune before the end of 2009. The principal Inheritors are his four children. Philip, Spyros, Maria and Constantine, by ugenie Livanos, whom he was widely accused of having murdered. Others to share the £7 billion are his nephew, Andreas Drakopoulos, and son. Constanyears later. Helen Ford has filed a suit in Charlotte Ford was a civil one and tine, two American business advisers and

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My conscience is clear, says architect of 'Killing Fields'

Pol Pot may be ailing and close to death

but he remains defiant and largely

unrepentant, writes Jonathan Mirsky

POL POT, the founder of Cambo-view he blamed much of the than a million people, insists that his conscience is clear and that he

is not a savage person.

The badly ailing 72-year-old, who is being held by his former followers after ending his leadership in a bloody showdown with veteran comrades, has given an exclusive interview to the Far Eastern Economic Review the Hong Kong news magazine, which is published today.

He told Nate Thayer, an authority on the Khmer Rouge: "I came to carry out the struggle, not to kill people, ..even now, and you can look at me am I a savage person? My conscience is clear."

The man identified with Cambodia's "Killing Fields" between 1975 and 1979, was prepared to admit a certain amount of bloodletting. But he said: "To say that millions died is too much. You know, for the other people, the babies, the young ones, I did not order them to be killed. For Son Sen and his family, yes."

Son Sen, his former defence chief, was killed with most of his immediate family earlier this year, before Pol Pot was arrested by his followers: During the inter-

dia's Khmer Rouge who is earlier killing on Vietnamese blamed for the deaths of more agents. Pol Pot told the Review that "while our movement made mistakes, it saved Cambodia domination by the

> The Vietnamese...wanted to assassinate me because they knew that without me they could easily swallow up Cambodia."

> This was a thrust at Hun Sen. Cambodia's present Prime Minister, once a Khrner Rouge officer. He defected to the Vietnamese -Cambodia's traditional enemies - who installed him in power:

> Dying was on Pol Pot's mind. "In Khmer we have a saying, that: when one is both quite sick and old there remains only one thing: that you die," he said.

The magazine said that he looked "clearly very ill" and "perhaps near death" during the

Until he began his depredations by driving virtually the entire population of Phnom Penh into the countryside, where the mass killing began, Pol Pot was a hero to many Cambodians, Active in the anti-French resistance which in Cambodia and Laos, as military government of General well as Vietnam, had been Lon Nol. He had been installed by which in Cambodia and Laos, as organised by Ho Chi Minh - Pol- the Americans after he ousted the



Remains of victims of the Khmer Rouge era in power on show at Champuk Kaek pagoda near Phnom Penh

Por joined the Indochinese Com- monarch, Prince Norodom Sihamunist Party, which was strongly

Between 1949 and 1953 he studied in Paris, where he was remembered for formulating a theory that Cambodia could regain its pre-colonial identity only cleansing itself so thoroughly Western influences that it

would reach "degree zero". Returning to Cambodia, he organised the Khmer Rouge -Red Khmers Khmer is the ancient name for Cambodia, which in 1976 overthrew the

nouk, who fled to Beijing. After Pol Pot gained power, with con-

siderable support from China, he killed members of Sihanouk's

It is widely thought that more than a million people died of

disease, starvation, hard labour

or were executed as enemies of

evolution between 1975 and 1979.

His present captors have

offered to turn Pol Pot over to the

citizens of Phnom Penh in ex-

change for Hun Sen being

brought to justice for his alleger

this year. In July, having tracked him for 18 years, he made his way to the jungle headquarters of Pol Por's captors and witnessed the former leader's trial. Although he was unable to speak to Pol Pot then, Mr Thayer observed him closely, noticing his frailty, ill health, and seemingly remote attitude towards his surroundines.

Like many such proceedings in the communist world, the trial was carefully choreographed to give the impression of much popular support for the verdict, with villagers clapping and shout-

But after the trial, many Cambodians expressed doubt that the man who had terrified them for so many years had actually become a prisoner. They suspected that he was still in charge of the remain-ing Khmer Rouge forces in their jungle strongholds.

Pol Pot was allegedly captured

after a bloody internal struggle in which Son Sen and his immediate family were killed,

His principle captors were his closest deputy, Khieu Samphan and another military chieftain. Ta

In another interview in the Review today, Ta Mok conceded that Pol Pot - and therefore Khieu Samphan - were responsible for "crimes against humanity." But he also insisted: "I don't agree with the American figure that millions died. But hundreds of thousands, yes."



Pol Pot during his recent trial at a Khmer Rouge stronghold

British Tamils fund war in Sri Lanka

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN COLOMBO

THE Tamil Tigers, who have been waging a civil war against the Sri Lankan Government for the past 14 years, can keep going indefinitely, funded by the biggest international financial empire ever built by a terrorist

the propaganda headquarters, feeding information — much of it more credible than Colombo's accounts of battlefield developments - to Tamil organisations, embassies and newspapers worldwide. The failure of the international community to stem the Tigers' activities demonstrates the ineffectiveness of the global

Britain has all but admitted it is

powerless to curb the Tigers, who raise, according to Sri Lankan estimates, £250,000 a month from Tamils living in the United Kingdom. The worldwide income is believed to be about £1.25 million a month, some of which goes to humanitarian causes, but most of which funds a sophisticated war machine.

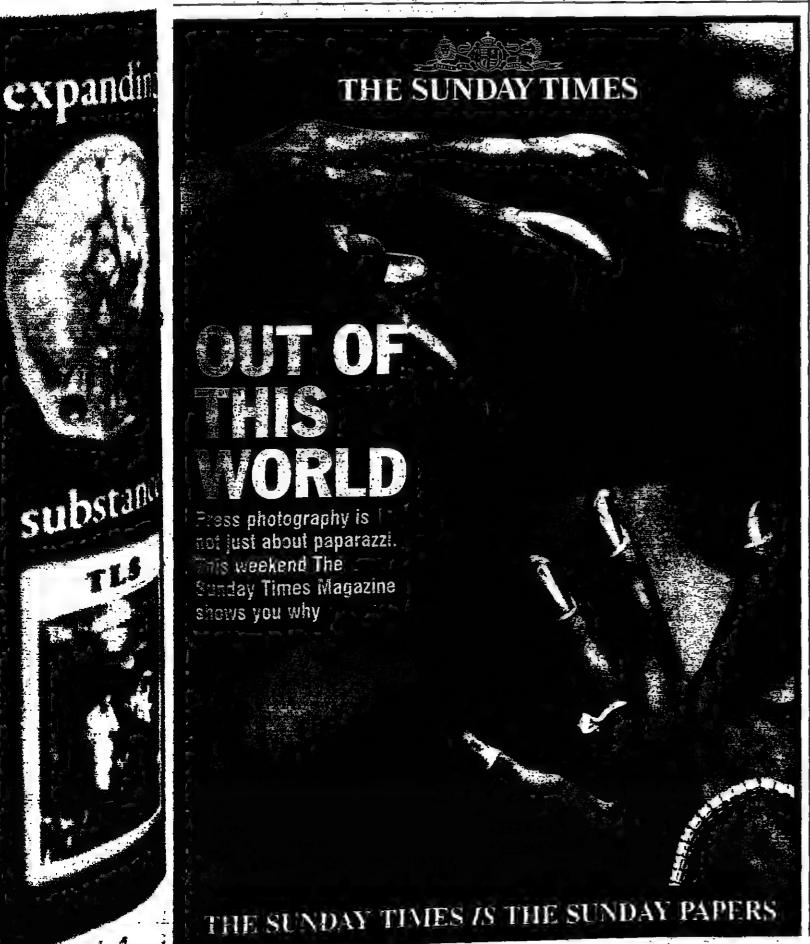
More than 450,000 Sri Lankan Tamils live abroad, many of them victims of Most of their money comes from ethnic riots especially those in 1983. They Europe, the US and Canada. London is are thus inclined to support armed the propaganda headquarters, feeding, rebellion. There are 50,000 Tamils in Britain, most of them relatively prosperous, and many Tamils actively support the cause.

Foreign intelligence agencies have evidence that the Tigers trade in narcoties: recent reports suggest this includes the transportation of heroin on the Tigers' own ships from Burma. Drugs profits have doubtless financed some of

including Sam missiles, costing £600,000 each on the black market.

Corrupt generals in Cambodia sold Russian-made Sam 7s to the Tigers in the 1980s, and there is evidence of new acquisitions from unknown sources. A Sri Lankan Air Force plane recently reported coming under attack by what is believed to have been a Sam-type shoulder-held missile, threatening the important air connection to troops in the northern Jaffna peninsula, the Tamils' beartland.

. Ships owned by the Tigers are regis-tered through front companies in Honduras, Liberia and Panama. They carry commercial cargo as well as weapons to offset costs. The rebels have investments in international stock markets, property and even restaurants, including some in London, Tokyo and Paris.





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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on Peyronie's disease, prostate therapy. leukaemia, and hair-pulling his week there have been resignations from the American Spectator, a rightwing political journal, over its

sion with President Clinton's alleged financial and sexual misdemeanours. Paula Jones's insistence that Mr Clinton's penis has physical characteristics that set it apart from those of other men has always received wide coverage in the journal, and she promised that when the time came she would confirm her intimacy with him by revealing the Clinton trademark. It now seems that the revela-

tion is not very exciting, certainly not unique, and is unlikely to be of much value in a law court. Miss Jones claims that the President suffers from Peyronie's disease induratio penis plastica.

Peyronie's disease was named after the physician to Louis XIV. It is the result of the formation of fibrous plaques. which cause thickening in the corpora of the penis. During a normal erection the spongiform tissue of the corpora becomes congested with blood and thereby acts as a stiffener to the organ. If this tissue is replaced by a fibrotic plaque, it becomes incapable of filling with blood and causes a deviation. Depending on the site of the fibrosis, the deviation may be upwards, downwards or from side to side.







Peyronie's disease? It now seems that Paula Jones's long-awaited revelation about the President is unlikely to be of much value in a court of law peared, for in 20 to 30 per cent

of cases it clears without

treatment, and in 50 per cent

of cases there is considerable

Mr David Ralph, a consultant surgeon at the institute of Utology in London, says that in 75 per cent of cases the deviation is upwards. Surgical interference is called for with this deformity only when the angulation is more than 45 degrees. Greater problems are experienced when the deviation is from side to side or

Peyronie's disease is a com-

paratively common condition. When I was working full-time in a genito-urinary medical clinic I would expect to see

about one case a week Miss Jones's story would thus be weakened by the frequency of the condition and also by the variable course that the disease can take. Any abnormality she claims to ago might by now have disap- surgical treatment. If the devi-

improvement. By now Miss Jones's prize exhibit might lack impact.

Disease's telltale evidence

Peyronie's is not only an inconvenience, but can also be painful. Mr Raiph has not been impressed by steroid have observed all those years therapy or any other non-

surrounding tissue, which leaves the penis shorter, or a vein graft, which does not give such a satisfactory result, but leaves the penis the same length, are the only satisfactory treatments.

ation is to the side or upwards

at a great angle, either surgery

to remove the plaque with the

There seems to be no advandegree of pain and inconvenience are the only relevant considerations. Even surgery cannot always be guaranteed to effect a lasting cure as further plaques may appear elsewhere.

The cause of Peyronie's disease is still a mystery. The standard belief is that it is the result of repeated minor trauma, particularly in middle-

Surgery and the prostate Tidriey Astor is still many and the prostate

idney Astor is still working at the age of 69, although he has had cancer of the prostate for more than eight years. Mr Astor bad been prompted to visit his doctor by increasing frequency of urination. He felt well, but tests showed that the disease could not be cured by radical surgery or radiotherapy. Secondary deposits of the tumour in the hones of his neck and pelvis showed the disease had spread.

Mr Astor's medical history illustrates the point made by several readers who wrote after I had described radical surgical. treatment for prostatic cancer. They pointed out that. disease only

when it is diagnosed carly. usually as the tive blood test. This still happens only in a minority of

When the disease is detected early, doctor .. patient decide whether to opt

for radical surgery, which involves a small risk to life and the slight possibility of ione-term incontinence, or to choose radical radiotherapy. The latter may take the form of external beam therapy or the implantation of

When the disease is detected later, there are several treatment possibilities. One is to do nothing until the nationt suffers disruption of his normal lifestyle. But a recent Medical Research Council trial investigated the treatment of nearly 1,000 patients with dvanced but symptomfree prostate cancer, and showed that patients whose treatment was delayed suffered more bladder probtems complications. Those treated immediately also sur-

vived for longer Mr Astor and his surgeon decided upon orchidectomy as the initial

oping tumours of the tes-, tosterone they need in order to exist. Other patients prefer to have regular injections of the drug Zoladex (goserelin), which are given every 28 days and seem to be as effective as surgical castration in depriving the body of

Mr Astor was also prescribed Casodex, a drug that deals with any testos terone, produced by the supra renal glands. This combined therapy is known as maximal androgen blockade (MAB).

Four years after Mr As-tor's initial treatment, he started to develop pain in the pelvic tumour. This was this can be used to treat the : successfully treated with

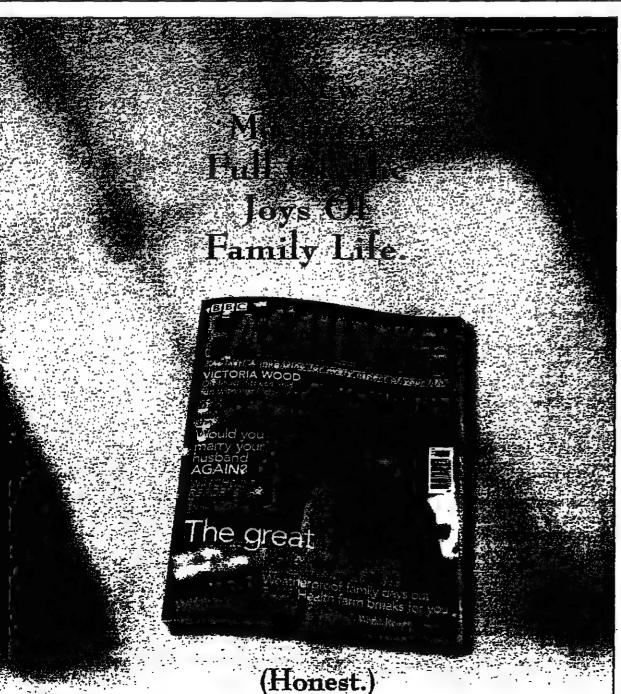
local irradiation, which pro-'Much paint relief for between 70 and depends 80 per cent of patients who on how metastasis (the soon the spread of a tucancer is

detected' single system of tosterone is

> used (monotherapy) and Casodex is added to the cocktail only when the tumour shows signs of recurring. This approach has been compared with MAB. but those who favour the latter therapy argue that it sponse rate, delays the development of more advanced tumours, lengthens the period of complete remission and improves the overall survival time. However, it also produces more side-effects, such as tiredness and breast developwhich shamefully has become a major consideration with some health. anthorities.

Within 20 years, prosta and serious ic cancer will be the most common form of the disease. But the need for more research into its early diagnosis and treatment has been realised, and there are promising signs that doctors will be able to tackle it

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THE TREATMENT of leakaemia and other haematological malignancies is one of the success stories of the past 25 years. Half the young adults who develop a blood cancer can now expect to be cured. This is an average figure, in some cases the rate is very much better, in others

it is not so good. This month the Royal Marsden Hospital has opened new . Haemato-Oncology

Blood cancer cure rate up

Unit, which will further im-prove the cure rate. The new unit has 16 wards, 40-43 beds and will be home to the 150 patients who have transplants at the Marsden each year.

Marrow transplants have been revolutionised by the introduction of GCSF (gramube produced in the laboratory. On injection, GCSF encourages a great outpouring of marrow cells into the peribe harvested with a traditional blood cell separator and stored in liquid nitrogen until

destroyed — for instance, by irradiation of extotoxic chemotherapy—then the marrow's cells can be injected back into the patient. If only 2 per cent of the marrow cells usually present in a person are reintroduced into a vein, then the patient will have 100 per cent of their marrow restored within three weeks. After this time, the accelerated process of marrow regrowth slows to a



Tearing your hair out

PEOPLE with trichotillo mania have a compulsion to pull out their hair - some even swallow it. This can have tragic consequences, as a hairball may form in the gut and cause a fatal obstruction.

Trichotillomania is an impulse control disorder, and psychiatrists put it in the same category as compulsive shopping, kleptomania, pyroma-nia and obsessive gambling. It needs to be distinguished from twiddling with the hair, which is merely a sign of agitation. Sufferers may also pull out eyebrows, eyelashes or pubic hairs.

As with all such disorders, the desire to give way to the impulse becomes ever greater, until it can be resisted no longer. Those with trichotillomania pluck their hair with increasing ferocity, until finally it comes away in a clump. The sense of release produced satisfies the urge to pull it out for a time. But when tension mounts again, the process is repeated. Always, the pleasure overrides any pain.

There is no specific treatment for impulse disorders, but claims are made for psychotherapy. The onset of the condition has been linked to stress or a childhood incident that might have led to a sense of loss in later life.



the prop Dreams can come true...eventually

write. He endured bankruptcy and potato blight, but after 12 years has finally found success. Interview by Noreen Taylor

n ambitious young-fast-track Manhattan couple were primed for success. He was a copywriter for the Hearst organisation, she a writer on a medical journal. Niall Williams and Christine Breen looked all set for promotion, increasing money and a seductive New York lifestyle.

Except that something was missing. Slowly, an indefinable longing took hold as they confronted the predictability of lives dictated by the commercial conveyor belt and the dehumanising crush of Manhattan commuting. There had to be a better way

Both remembered holidays in Ireland when they were students, and found themselves reminiscing about those times. Drawn by their shared love of Irish literature, music and culture, they fantasised about a new existence. They talked of the 200-year-old cottage in Co.

Ireland, that had lain empty since Christine's grandparents emigrated to America in 1906. Christine, having spent her

childhood in the affinent, treelined suburbia of Westchester County, knew nothing of coun-try life. Nor did Niall, a Dubliner, who had lived in New York for five years. Each day, over lunch in a 57th Street diner, the two would rhapsodise over their dream. in bed at night Christine would ask: "Tell me again, Niall, what will it be like?"

We'll grow our food," he'd say. "You'll paint, I'll write, we'll have children. Our house will be filled with music, art, laughter and friends. We'll plot our own lives."

Twelve years later, Niall me in a botel lounge in look of someone whose

dreams have come true. He has finally created the world he used to describe to Chris-

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Francis Ford Coppola and Miramax are among the 30 companies cla-

"Did you really like it?" Niall asks anxiously. The story, it feels like the completion of a dream, like it was my destiny," says the tall man whose scholarly, Jesuit air sits oddly with the wind-whipped, freckled face, a farmer's complexion honed by hours spent nurturing some of the most rugged terrain in Ireland

the main goal," he says, traces of New York colouring his Dublin accent. "I cared more about the story, the telling of it, whether I'd be able to carry it through to the end. I started writing it seven years ago. months, lose faith, think no

piece. Enjoyable though it is to see the photographs spread before me, showing their idyl-lic, white-washed cottage set in a garden of hollyhocks and poppies, that is not the reason I am here. It is all because of the book on the table, Niail's newly published first novel, Four Letters of Love.

His book is now the toast of call it a love story of breathtakbeauty: "lyri-

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and Marianne Faithfull were so moved by the story they offered to read chapters at the London launch. Nineteen countries have bought transla-

Getting it published wasn't:

one will want to read this. "Four years ago I began

Niall Williams with his partner, Christine, daughter, Deirdre, 10, and son, Joseph, 6. He has finally created the world he used to describe as "our own imaginary kingdom"

- and think Readers want urban brutalism, not this', and nes I'd leave it for six

again at the beginning, saving the words aloud as I wrote, as little as 15 : words a day sometimes. Meanwhile, I'd. read of other writers' success - Roddy Doyle, Irvine Welsh

However, I'd learnt to follow my inner voice. I'd found a thread, followed it without knowing where it might end,

and was as surprised as any reader as events unfolded."

The story follows the twists and turns in the lives of two children destined to meet and fall in love, Isabel Gore and Nicholas Coughlan, Isabel grows up amid the melanchograndeur of the Aran Isnds, haunted by the sight of her broken brother, invalided by a childhood mishap.

Nicholas, troubled, neglect-

ed, begins life in the Dublin suburbs, trying to cope with the unhinged world of a father who believes God has told him to paint and a mother whose dness induces fits of crazes house-cleaning, followed by

months in bed "I suppose," Niall says, "the novel is formed by a sense of God and by the wild, surreal, magical world in which I live. Life would have been very different had we not bought

"In New York, I would have been too tired to write. Leaving home at six in the morning, arriving back at eight at night, exhausted like every other grey-faced commuter. Each evening, I used to look at these people and think is this where want to be 20-odd years down the line? "New York friends would

say . Niall, we've all been through this. Take two weeks out, go live in Ireland. Get it out of your system'.
"I should have been grate-

ful. I'd worked my way up to an office with a couch, a window overlooking Central Park. Everyone said I was on

> 'Some days I would write as little as 15 words?

my way.. To where though? Twenty years on, I'd still be on that commuter train from Grand Central Station, and

that felt frightening."
Did Ireland always feel like the right decision? "No, not after bankruptcy, the news that we couldn't have children potato blight, the long, cold winter nights spent huddled over the fire worrying how could we carry on. We didn't realise how pampered our New York life had been until we came to Ireland.

There has been a dramatic change in the past 12 years, but then you couldn't buy vegetables, apart from potatoes, carrots and turnips. Local shops didn't stock coffee. Forget pep-

"We had to hack our way through weeds to reach the front door of a house that didn't have running water or electricity. Our savings didn't last long, so during those first years we co-wrote a series of books about our lives in Ireland. They sold well in Ameri-ca, mostly to couples who dreamt of living the good life. and in a strange way we felt we were doing it for them.

"Hundreds came to visit, bought Christine's paintings, went to local houses asking for the autographs of neighbours mentioned in the book. With then went home, to Wisconsin The first book enabled us to

buy 50 acres of land, and renovate the house. Unfortunately, the others didn't do as well so we had virtually nothng to live off."

But it was not entirely bleak. Nights of weeping for the children they could not have ended when they found they could adopt: Deirdre is now ten, Joseph six.

ported by local people, Niall and Christine were integrated into the community. He became director of the local drama group, a teacher of English and French literature at the local school. Christine painted, baked, gardened and organised keep-fit classes for her neighbours, women who on the first night assumed the point of the exercise was an evening out, and so dressed up in high heels and skirts, and

feasted on cakes while watching Christine do sit-ups. The success of the book, he

says, is all down to a former university friend who acted as his agent. Marianne Gunne O'Connor, a fashion publicist, planned to send the book to Peter Strauss at Picador in

London because she felt he would understand this unusuoo busy to meet her,

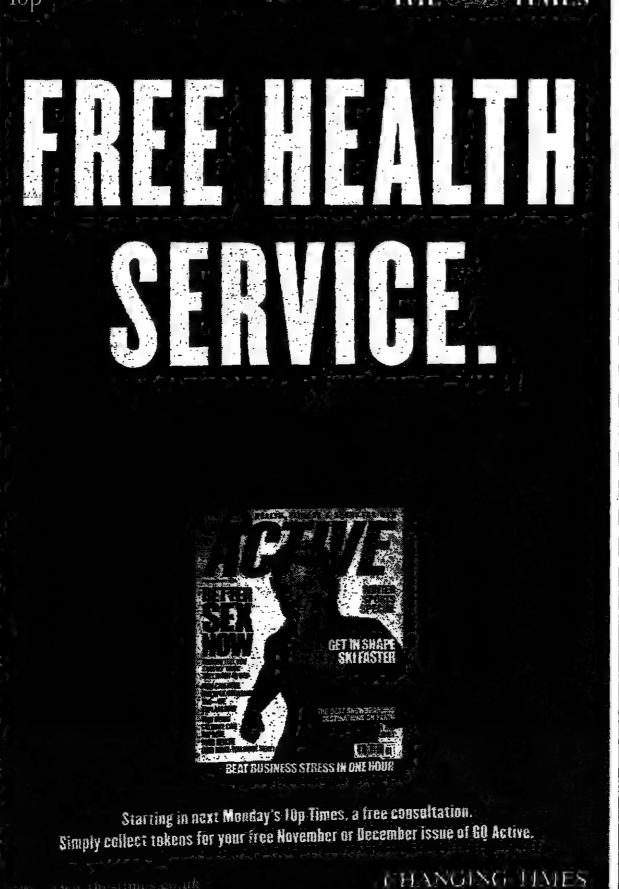
> gested Marianne send the manuscript to his office. Instead she flew from Dublin, met him at Heathrow and begged him to read the book on the plane. The following day he faxed back "Yes". Next month. Niall will be in New York, publicising his book, revisiting his past. "I've been back a couple of times and each time I'm surprised at how I've changed, at how inept

streets, at mastering that heydon't-mess-with-me aura, the New Yorker's basic survival kit. I feel assaulted by the people and traffic, easy prey

for muggers. Life in Clare has left me soft and vulnerable." Yet there is so much he has missed, in exchanging Manhattan's buzz for Co Clare's quaint wilderness. Who can he talk to about work? How does he measure his progress?

writers around, no literary dique, but I don't miss it. Christine sometimes gets annoyed with me because of my conviction that everything will work out somehow. I believe there is a reason for everything - that it all fits somehow, no matter how outrageous. How else could you explain my life?"

• Four Letters of Love, Picador,



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Peter Hain urges Labour to

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lthough Britain's first-A past-the-post system has tended to produce stable governments, nobody can claim it is fair. The case for electoral reform is strong. Fairness, however, is only

one test of democracy. Even more important is account-ability. Under most forms of proportional representation (PR), MPs are distant from voters because the single-member constituency is abolished. Power is sucked upwards, away from ordinary party members to regional or national levels of the party structure. Our current overcentralised system of power would be still further

The Liberal Party's favourite option is the Single Transferable Vote (STV) in multimember constituencies, which aiready operates in the Republic of Ireland. This would replace our traditional singlemember constituency — averaging 65,000 electors — with monster new constituencies containing about 315,000 electors. In rural areas these could cover hundreds of square miles. MPs would find it more difficult to keep in touch and their roles would be confused.

Would they seek to represent their own party sup-porters only? Or would they divide All PR up the constituency

options geographically? Under "list" syswould have tems, electors vote for a party rather significant than an individual. MPs are then selectdefects ed from central or

of candidates in numbers proportional to their party's total vote. Although such systems operate widely in Europe, the link between the MP and local constituents and party mem-

regional party lists

In Germany, "additional member" PR systems top up single-member constituencies with representatives drawn from lists to make the total proportional to votes cast. But this still concentrates power in party bureaucracies and also creates the anomaly of two classes of MP — some accountable to their electorate, others

without constituency duties. Significantly, the 1976 Hansard Commission was caught between a "fundamental and unanimous" desire for electoral reform, and an honest acknowledgement that all proposed PR options would have significant democratic defects

A far better option is the Alternative Vote (AV), as used in the Australian House of Representatives. This retains the present single-member constituencies. Rather than placing a mark against a single name, each voter numbers the candidates listed on the ballot paper in order of

Unless a candidate wins outright by obtaining more than half the first preferences of voters, then bottom candidates are progressively elimi-nated and their second preferences transferred until someone achieves an overall

though it is not genuinely proportional. Studies of its likely impact suggest gains for Labour and especially the Liberals at the expense of the Tories, who have for many years benefited disproportion-ately from the current voting

Crucially, by maintaining single-member seats, AV maintains local accountability. Our electorate is attached to the single-member seat more so than other European countries, where there is no strong tradition of a local

parliamentary constituency.

The case for AV is this: it is tairer than first-past-the-post and would prevent exaggerated parliamentary majorities (for example secured by Mrs Thatcher in 1979, 1983 and 1987); there is less scope for "wasted" votes because elec-tors could state their real first preference: there would be less geographical bias towards a particular party; it is easier to form majority governments than under PR; it is relatively simple to operate and does not require boundary changes, by-elections would be easy to

organise.
Finally, a highly pragmatic consideration, but nevertheless an important one for those

serious about implementing electoral reform, as opposed to theorising about it. AV is almost certainly the only option the Commons would back. MPs are hardly likely to vote themselves out

of their own seats and onto either lists or into multi-member constituencies where their futures would be uncertain. Confirmation of this can be

found by examining the tortu-ous debates and behaviour of MPs when PR was last a prominent issue - that is, after the First World War. No single system of PR could command enough support. Labour then supported AV and carried it through the House of Commons in 1931. when it fell in the House of

The appropriate electoral reform should be considered on its merits for each unit of government. There will be a list system for the next European elections in 1999, and additional-member systems for the Scottish parliament and the Welsh assembly

A democratic second chantber to replace the House of Lords should be elected under a list system of PR, with votes for a party cast at the same time as votes for local MPs. This would produce a second chamber that could genuinely claim legitimacy as a constitu tional check because it would contain a fair spread of almost all political opinion.

For the House of Commons AV could form the basis for a new agenda for electoral reform that is both more democratically credible and more practical than those offered by PR. That is why many in the Labour Party favour it.

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EVOLUTION OF HEAD OF STATE'S COIN PORTRAIT

dysfunctional family?

f anyone cast the cold eye of logic over that ramshackle club. the Commonwealth, now gathering in Edinburgh for its biennial conference, he might condude that its time was up. If the Queen, its head, is no longer welcome in its most populous state, what is the point of carrying on as it is? All that seems to be left is an expensive talking shop, an excuse for globe-trotting, and a useful boost to the host city every couple of years. Without formal powers, this "free association" of sovereign states has no economic muscle, offers no collective security to

to curb. It carries only the flickering memories of empire. So why not simply decide that this week's Heads of Government Meeting will be the penultimate one, with 1999 a suitable year in which to bring the whole ritual to a close? The Commonwealth has had a decent run, after all. Dreamt up in 1926, it was given legal status in 1931, so it will have reached, roughly speaking. the age of three score years and ten by the millennium. A good excuse,

its members, and has little effect on

the human rights abuses it is meant

perhaps, for gentle retirement. And yet the measure of a healthy club is whether it continues to attract new members. For reasons not immediately obvious, this one seems to have become the Groucho of the international scene — everyone wants to join. It even has a waiting list. With South Africa back in the fold: Mozambique and Cameroon recent oiners: Fiji, which resigned in 1987, now a member again; and even Rwanda queueing up for entry, it has reached a record 54 members. Its area of influence is steadily extending. On the agenda this week will be applications from the Yemen, and from Yassir Arafat's Palestine Nat-

ional Authority. One reason for its success, a delegate explained to me, was that it offered small nations a sense of security. There was, he said, no resentment over Britain's colonial past. "We may have been exploited by Britain, but we would rather be exploited by Britain than anyone else l can think of."

Compare this to the French equivaent, which seeks to bring together former French colonies, and yet has to dredge up members and bribe them into joining. If there is one overriding reason for continuing the

Magnus Linklater wonders what the Edinburgh Commonwealth summit is for

are jealous of it.

The Prime Ministers and Presidents flying into Scotland this weekend seem in no doubt themselves. They are, if anything, more determined than ever that the Commonwealth should continue to expand its activities. A brief look down the agenda shows a plethora of action groups and working panels. A network of organisations, devoted to human, social and economic concerns, now operates throughout the member states. For the first time the United Nations will be joining in,

Settlements Centre. But the Queen's: troubled visit to in-. dia is a warning that cannot be ig-nored. If this is indeed a family of nations, it is clearly going through a dysfunctional phase, with some of

form of its Human

its children turning nasty. Instead of the affection and respect they have been used to on these trips abroad, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh met with a level of ridicule and insult more common to the British tabloid press. If this is to be the pattern for the future, there must be doubts about the role of the British monarch as head of the Commonwealth, and therefore the whole pature of the lorganisation itself. Her enthusiasm and integrity have, after all, been central to its existence for more than 40 years. I can imagine the conversation she and Prince Philip had once they were back in the comfort of Buck House: "Well, honestly. Talk about ingrad-tude. That's the last time we have

anything to do with that lot." The row does, however, suggest a theme which could give this weekend's talks some edge: if the Queen-were to stand down from her traditional role as head of the Commonwealth and leave it to find its own feet in the harsh climate of the modern economic world, would it still hold together, and if so, in what form?

Commonwealth, it is that the French Looking back over the past 20 years, it has often been defined more by the rows that have divided it than the ethos that is meant to underpin it. Lusaka 1979: Zimbabwe threatens breakaway, Melbourne 1981: outrage over New Zealand's sporting links with South Africa, New Delhi 1983: US invasion of Grenada, Nassau 1985: Britain isolated over South African sanctions. The tensions then were almost palpable. "As I entered the room," wrote Baroness Triatcher in her memoirs, "they all glared at me. It was extraordinary how the pack instinct of politicians could

change a group of . normaliv . courtea challenging people; into a gang of bullies. For a decade, apartheid opportunity for was the dominating theme. Then, at Mr Blair's Auckland in 1995, Nigeria defied the reforming zeal Commonwealth

and executed Ken Saro-Wiwa, while the French tested their bomb in the Pacific in the teeth of protests.

Each disagreement has ended with a last-minute compromise of sorts. encouraging the belief that the Commmonwealth has genuine cohesion and an independent life of its own. But the political agenda has largely been reactive. This is, the first meeting in recent memory with no. major dispute to patch up. So what defines its objectives? The nearest we get is the Harare Declaration of 1991 which set out a series of worthy goals such as promoting democracy, the rule of law, sound government and human rights. To those it added a titany of good causes — fighting poverty, disease, drugs and inequal-

ity. The only thing lacking was sin.

And yet what progress has been made? No one surveying events in Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone. The Gambia or Zimbabwe, could honestly claim that democracy was universally available in this Common-

Edinburgh this week will be over-the appalling record of the Nigerian egime; and yet there is no evidence that Commonwealth leaders are prepared to agree on tough collective action, such as the imposition of sanctions. If it cannot even unite on this, what hope is there for the Commonwealth itself?

Even the environment seems to have dropped off the official agenda, despite the crisis in South East Asia, where a pall of choking haze pollutes the atmosphere in at least three member states, Malaysia, Singapore and Papus New Guines. One might have thought that the failure of last year's Earth Summit would offer the Commonwealth; with its highly vulnerable smaller members, the chance to make its voice heard. It could still happen, but the only people holding their breath are the luckless chizens of those countries.

ous, sometimes. There is, however, a serious new even charming, role that Tony Blair, who will chair the proceedings, might consider. He is a constitutional reformer, who has tackled devolution in Scotland and Wales, and is now considering the tuture of the House of Lords; the Commonwealth should offer a mil-able challenge. Here is a body, representing a third of the world's population, some 1.7 billion people, united not just by the experience of Empire but by the English language. Hungry for education, for help in sustainable deviopment, and for access to the new technology in which most of its members lag so far behind, it looks to Britain, not for moral leadership, but for practical assistance, skill and investment. It is a massive market, but also a formidable if hidden power, where for once, this country is positively welcome. Bodies like the Commonwealth Development Corporation (now to be partially privatised) provide an infra-structure in the Third World on

which to build.

Over the next five years, Mr Blair should begin easing the Common-wealth away from the concept of a large and amiable, if unruly, clanwith the Queen as matriarch, into a modern, dynamic economic organis-ation. It will involve breaking some old links as well as forging new ones. It will mean changing attitudes that have been formed by the conflicts of wealth of Nations, or that human the past. The reward for success, rights were evenly applied. The only however, could be to turn it into a demonstrations of consequence in club that is genuinely worth joining.

Serve the voters, not* the party Graham Mather

defends the Strasbourg Four

abour's heavy-handed attempt to silence discussion about its ill-judged plans for proportional representation in Europe is a challenge to democracy. Ken Coates, one of the four MEPs suspended yesterday, has Old Left views which are well known. Yet he is also known in Brussels and Strasbourg as princi-pled, intelligent and committed to open and honest debate. He is right to tell his Chief Whip that it is a parliamentarian's right and duty to

debate such issues.

The parliament's President (Speaker) is right to refer to the gagging instructions to its Rules Committee. The European Parliament's rules insist that European MPs "shall exercise their mandate independently" and "not be bound by any instructions and shall not receive a

binding mandate".

The Home Secretary, Jack Straw, will shortly amounce legislation to introduce proportional representa-tion (PR) for the European elections in 1999. Still smarting from the "gross discourtesy" with which he was received by Labour MEPs two years ago. Tony Blair Is also now imposing a reselection system designed to eliminate Mr Coates and "old" Labour. Meanwhile, the intended victims are not allowed to discuss any aspect of PR or reselection in public. The ban is couched in language which would have warmed the cold heart of Uncle Joe Stalin.

Why are Labour's whips so desperare to short down the debate on PR? It is not just old Labour which objects to a "closed list" system of PR in which voters can pick only a party list and not express a preference between precipitational reformers, Lib Dems and Tories will reject this approach, which is unlikely to pass the scrutiny of the Lords.

Another disadvantage of PR is surfacing the fact that it weakens competition and choice between par ties, but exacerbates internal feuding. An MEPs individual views are submerged in the closed list and healthy competition between parties is replaced by covert manoeuvring to achieve an electable position high up the party list.

Labour's next discovery will be that it has chosen the wrong form of PR. Because PR is formidably complex. and its myriad systems and variables are all but incomprehensible, ministers were delighted when a slim and clearly written pamphlet by Lord Plant and Michael Steed pointed them towards regional-list PR. The problem, as John Prescon has discovered in another context, is that English regions are highly difficult to

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There is no suitable existing set of regions; economic regions, for example, do not coincide with electorally desirable regions of approximately equal size. On the final day of the last parliamentary session, the Home Office shuffled the problem to the Boundary Commission. But it seems unlikely this cautious body will be able to design acceptable regions before the European elections begin to loom in a year's time.
All these problems are dwarfed by

a constitutional change which will generate serious public disquiet. The biggest losers under regional-list PR are constituents. Voters are rightly concerned that their MEPs seem remote and have to cover too large an area - typically, six or seven West-minster seats. Under regional-list PR any recognisable constituency connection disappears.

This connection is, in many voters' eyes, the only really valuable thing that MEPs de-liver. In acting for individuals, they can make a real difference. They wrestle with German and Belgian health, childcare and pensions bu-reaucracies on behalf of constituents. They procure grants for businesses and schools. They intervene with difficult Customs authorities, ponderous benefit agencies and impossible, non-communicative foreign govern-ment departments, as well as ques-tioning the Commission, petitioning the European Court of Human Rights and tackling countless daily problems. There are plenty of urgent problems. There are premy or any or cases, including constituents who have mislaid their passports and have been incarcerated abroad by overly aggressive authorities.

An MEP is remote already to his half-million constituents; what mean ingful connection could he or she have with a territory ten times the size, as would be the case under regional PR? If the continental experience is repeated, MEPs will lose interest in local issues and cases. Their eyes will turn inexorably towards the party centre, the source of patronage and power. As Ken Coates so memorably put it, creeping to Peter: Mandelson will replace

accountability to constituents. Instead of bringing Europe closer to the public, Labour's hasty and illconsidered grasping of regional PR will make it more remote, strengthen internal party strife, deny constituents effective advocacy and require disconian party discipline as the problems tumble out one after another. Jack Straw should delay his proposed legislation, go back to Cabinet, and ask them to think again:

The author is Conservative MEP for: name "for Her Majesty: "sausage". JASPER GERARD | Hampshire North and Oxford.

Sorry tails

BRITISH AIRWAYS is in a tailspin. Four months after the airline unveiled a new range of "ethnic" designs for its fleet, I gather that it is rethinking the £60-million initiative. The final straw: Baroness Thatcher's judicious deployment of a hankie at the Tory conference, covering the tail of an offending model BA plane.

Now their marketing consultants

have been hauled back in. The company painted over the Union Flag tailfins and replaced them with extravagant designs. ranging from Chinese calligraphy to Kalahari paintings - not very British, or aeronautical. The aim was to add "the modern values of



"The clocks are going back next weekend

and cosmopolitan outlook" to "the best traditional British attributes".

Shareholders caused turbulence by jeering Bob Ayling, chief executive, at the annual meeting, and Richard Branson gleefully ordered Union Jacks to be painted on his fleet as a "patriotic gesture". But it was Lady Thatcher's hankie antics that stung. Wagging her finger, she told a BA official: "We fly the British flag, not these awful things

you are putting on tails." Now the company is talking to Wolf Olins, the marketing specialists who oversaw British Telecom's brand change to, er. BT and are responsible for the British Gas "Goldfish" campaign. "You have put me in a very difficult position. I can't say anything," says a voice in his office. Indeed. So how extensive will the makeover be? "We talk about general marketing strategy to a wide range of people," witters

a company man. At least Lady Thatcher is trying to make amends. She has just

● IT was a bold aesthetic statement. Stripey, yet swirley. Red, yet green. We are talking of Stephen Dorrell's jumper. It was enough to wake up even somnolent Tory spindoctors. A message flashed up on a bleeper from one of their number to another yesterday: "Tell Dorrell to take off that dreadful jumper. It looks like he bought it in a jumble sale." And he was being polite.

In the frame

HOW he must be feared. Peter Mandelson was visiting the Home Office and they flew into a terrible spin. Herbert Morrison, Mandelson's beloved and inspirational grandfather had been a distinguished Home Secretary; but there was no portrait of the great man in

his old office. Much discussion. Eventually a call was made to Robin Cook's office. Briefly, and not terribly successfully. Morrison had been Foreign Secretary. Does the FO have a portrait, and if so can the Home Office borrow it?

The work was swiftly dispatched. And so far it has not returned. "We would quite like it back," says a starched mandarin. "There is a big gap on the wall."

 SLEAZE continues to sustain the energetic intellects of Conservative MPs, not least Michaet flown to America - on a BA plane. Ancram. Tucked under his arm



while he jammed tunelessly at Eastbourne was a copy of Behind the Oval Office, by Dick Morris the White House spin-doctor who is to sleeze what the Two Fat Ladies are to a bucket of blancmange.

Seb & Co

BLOCK PATTEN. That seems to be the message from Central Office which has quietly decreed that only those who stood at the recent general election shall be considered as candidates for the by-election at . Beckenham. This, of course, rules out Chris Patten. But it is rather good news for the uninspiring Seb Coe, who just happens to be a cro-

ny of William Hague.

The constituency selection meeting has been rushed forward to Saturday, with little fanfare. After the death of Sir Michael Shersby, a local political virgin. John Randall, was allowed to

stand in the Uxbridge by election, held at the end of July. He in-But Central Office has decided that now Chris Patten is "free", noncombatants will not be trusted with the Beckenham majority of nearly 5,000. A strange decision.

TONY BENN'S solution to the spin crisis: "We should put the spin-doctors in spin clinics, where they can meet-other spin patients and be treated by spin consultants. The rest of us can get on with the proper democratic process."

Snore bore

FIDEL CASTRO is notorious for boring audiences into submission with his six-hour speeches. John Rock, chairman of the Royal Institute of British Architects is showing similar promise. Members. including Terry Farrell, were in-vited to hear Rock "outline ideas for the future". They begged for mercy as his manguaral address crawled to a conclusion - two hours after it began. RIBA admits the speech was "rather long". Says a guest: "Many walked out but some stayed and simply snored."

●AS the Queen relaxes under our northern cloud. I can disclose the Duke of Edinburgh's touching pet.



becoming a muse. Her husband, Tico Torres, of the loud rock group Bon Jovi, is fashioning sculptures of her. "She is a natural subject." he says, before disappointing billboard afficianados: They had better remain on private view."



IRVINE'S HARD CHOICE

How legal aid logic may tie the silks in knots

Legal aid, like the National Health Service, was designed by a reforming Labour Government to bring professional expertise to the ordinary taxpayer. But both became systems in which some of the professionals grew expert at milking the ordinary taxpayer. The organisation of the NHS to suit consultants' pleasure has been challenged successfully by Conservative market reforms. Now, the arrangements which allowed the legal aid fund to be exploited by the unscrupulous in the legal profession will be tackled by a Labour Government.

Total day

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, is determined to grapple with what he has called a "leviathan with a ferocious appetite". That a man with horsehair in his blood such as Lord Irvine should face down: his brothers-in-law in this way is altogether admirable, a "hard choice" to be relished. Lord Irvine's zeal should not, however, lead him to act too precipitately. Reform is required, but time must be taken to ensure the ground is prepared for the advance.

The scale of the problem was outlined by Lord Irvine with commendable clarity in his speech to the Law Society on Saturday. Ninety per cent of the legal aid bill goes on: lawyers' fees and the amount has risen ahead of the number of cases handled. In the last four years the average payments in civil legal aid have risen by more than 43 per cent and yet the number helped has gone down by 9 per cent. Lord Irvine is, rightly, determined to tackle the producer interest and ensure that legal aid again becomes a "tool to promote access to justice for the needy" instead of a "means of keeping

lawyers in business". To that end the Lord Chancellor proposes to fix contracts with legal aid lawyers, which will specify costs in advance. The Exchequer will benefit rather than paid-by-the-clock lawyers who collect their fees after completing work which they currently have no trials can sometimes take much longer than relieve the burden on the taxpayer.

envisaged. So they can. They can be shorter too, especially if the lawyers know that the taxpayers' pockets are not bottomless.

Lord Irvine invites lawyers to accept that they should "take the rough with the smooth". They should also accept that the intellectual intricacy and susceptibility to delay of their work is certainly no greater than that of others who take the taxpayer's shilling. Civil engineers engaged in complex projects can make estimates, enter contracts. and abide by them. Cannot the men in wigs

better emulate those in hard hats? The greatest area of contention in Lord livine's reforms is his proposal to extend the use of conditional fees. The "no-win no-fee" system is currently available in personal injury cases. Lord Irvine hopes to extend it to most civil litigation, apart from special cases such as family. It is right that the risk in bringing a case should be shared between the lawyer and his client. As Lord Irvine has argued, the lawyer has a clear incentive to be more careful in recommending litigation and then pursuing it; if the lawyer does not think it worth the risk of pursuing the case, then why should the taxpayer do so? Lord Irvine is careful to allow that there may be some cases where the law would benefit from litigation being pursued at public expense but as a general rule his logic appears to hold.

There should, however, be one brake on his urgency. Although litigants will not pay their own lawyers' fees if they lose, they have to be prepared to cover their opponents' costs. Insurance companies are prepared to offer premiums against the eventuality, based on the recognition that lawyers will only take on cases they are likely to win. This market is still, however, in its infancy. More actuarial work may be required before the Lord Chancellor can feel confident that the level of premiums will not be so high as to deter deserving cases and mar reforms ncentive to expedite. Lawyers protest that which should broaden access to justice and

THE STRASBOURG FOUR

Labour MEPs deserve no tears but they do have a point

Too many of Labour's MEPs are left-wing, disloyal and a bad advertisement for their party. If they fail to be re-elected in 1999, few tears will be shed. But, whatever their faults, they do not deserve the treatment they are currently receiving. Yesterday, four were suspended from the party simply because they refused to sign a pledge not to speak publicly about proposed changes to the

The party's actions show all the worrying signs of a leadership that has become obsessed with control. It has a firm mandate to introduce proportional representation (PR) for the European elections, since this commitment was in Labour's general election manifesto. But the form of that PR deserves to be widely debated. This is what the four dissident MEPs want to be able to do.

They clearly have a vested interest in the issue. If Labour's leadership has its way, none will have a chance of returning to Strasbourg in two years' time. The new candidates will be chosen ostensibly on the grounds of their diligence, competence and committee skills, but these character traits will mysteriously be found only in members with new Labour views. Labour's European parliamentary party may need to become more modern, more centrist and more female. But the ends which the party plans cannot be said to justify the means.

Whatever their personal interest, the dissidents are right to protest against an electoral system that puts the power-ofselection in the hands of the party's centre, leaving none for voters or party members. This is bad for democracy and will be bad,

eventually, for the parties too. The Government plans to introduce the worst possible kind of PR for the European elections. Its "closed list" system allows voters no say over which candidate they want they can merely vote for a party, which will then appoint its own placemen to the Parliament.

Voters will have no idea whether their MEP will be male or female, young or old, right or left-wing. Nor will they be able to oust an unpopular MEP. This may serve the purposes of Tony Blair — and indeed of William Hague, who can also purge his party of "undesirable" MEPs who flirt with federalism. But it does not serve the interests of the electorate.

There are many versions of PR that allow voters to choose between candidates. The single transferable vote, which is already used in Northern Irish European elections is one. So was the regional list version that Labour itself proposed in 1977. If seven or eight candidates are to be successful in each of Britain's 12 regions, why should not voters be able to rank them in order of preference?

Even if the closed list system is chosen, the selection of candidates could be made more democratic. Labour has already found that its one-member-one-vote process for Westminster candidates tends to produce sensible, modern Biairites. And if the Tories used it, they would discover that their members were inclined to favour Eurosceptics. If only both leaders were prepared to trust their parties, there would be a semblance of democracy. As it is, 1999's European elections promise to be a triumph of party manipulation over genuine voter choice.

BEACHED POLICY

New Labour 'realism' will not save whales

The International Whaling Commission's global ban on commercial whaling, agreed in 1982 and in force since 1986, was a landmark victory for conservation. It responded to scientific evidence that far tooratory habits and breeding cycles for

With whales now being killed at the rate of three a day, this accord is under grave strain. At this year's IWC conference Ireland, for fear that it will otherwise collapse, have proposed a system aimed at reasserting IWC control. It amounts to rolling with the punches. There would be a total ban on whating on the high seas, including a ban on "scientific" hunting, and on the international trade in whale products. But for local consumption only, it would allow limited hunting under IWC controls in coastal waters - which means up to 200 miles out to sea - of species such as the minke:

The Irish plan is almost equally unpopular with whalers and opponents of whaling. The Japanese, whose ships have been seen "researching" Bryde's whales in the deep ocean and whose markets have been means that fewer whales are killed.

oceans, almost all whales are found there. Quotas will be flouted. Modern whaling vessels can butcher and process captured whales in an hour, making it extremely hard for inspectors to verify numbers and species. Exceptions for Norway and Japan would be morally unacceptable and set precedents for others such as Russia and Iceland. The scientific study of these great mammals is still in its infancy. The arguments of 1982 still hold. This Government claims to stand for principle in international policy. Whaling is a fair test of that commitment.

on joining EMU From Mr James Bourlet

Sir. John Monks, the TUC General Secretary (article, October 21) is, frankly, talking through his hat in

Plain talk, please,

stating that: Ruling out EMU membership... will deter investment in the British economy... Toyota made this point clear last week when it decided to locate its new plant in France.

Toyota made no public announce-ment of such a decision last week and is not expecting to do so for some months yet. EMU membership is quite simply a political matter and as likely to disadvantage a company like Toyota as to benefit it. But Toyota certainly is rather frightened of annoying the EU Commission, which "fined" the company £4 million for obtaining its Burneston site advantageously.
So please take "news" of Toyota's

support for EMU with a large pirch of salt, Mr Monks. Yours faithfully, JAMES BOURLET (Honorary Secretary), Economic Research Council,

From Sir Michael Newington

October 21.

239 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2.

Sir, What a pleasure to read John Monks's article. I do wish our politicians would show a bit more confidence in the good sense of the British people. If the Government were next week to take an unambiguously positive line on EMU membership, not just in the vague future, but setting a target of joining in 1999, I have no doubt that it could get such a policy endorsed in a referendum before next May's EU summit.

The timid will always find reasons for delay. Conventional wisdom says it is hardly conceivable for the UK to be in the first wave of EMU members. Is it seriously contended that a nation which prides itself on the sophistication of its financial markets and on its capacity to improvise, would be less competent than other EU countries in managing the transition? And why is it supposed that it would be easier to join in the second wave?

All that is needed now is a clear lead. May we please have it, Mr Blair?

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL NEWINGTON, Inces, Scaynes Hill, West Sussex. October 21.

From Mr Norris McWhirter

Sir, In place of formal congratulations to our Prime Minister and his Chancellor for temporarily tripping the ratchet of the treaty obligation to "ever closer union" with Europe, should not your leading article (October 18) have been questioning how it is that we came so close to ending our parliamentary democracy?

Ever since 1972, rule by statute, case law and custom has been subjugated to rule by a succession of European Community treaties. This revolution has been rendered feasible only by the executive assumption that any statute can be impliedly, as opposed to expressly, repealed. The federalists' aim to circumvent such statutes in force as Magna Carta, habeas corous, the Act of Settlement and the reign-long contractual Coronation Oath Act by implied repeal is nothing less than a negation of parliamentary democracy.

Our courts still have power to determine the legality of any pretended use of prerogative. What Halsbury's Laws England describes at vol 8, para 920, as "the contract" between the Crown, bound by the terms of the Coronation Oath (to rule according to our laws and customs) and the people is still in force.

Why for 25 years have the autocrats, corporatists and republicans, many of them overseas, been permitted to make all the running?

Yours faithfully. NORRIS MCWHIRTER. The Manor House, Kington Langley, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

From Mr Frank Glyn-Jones

Sir, It is just not possible to calculate the consequences of joining the EMU. Historically Britain has had no alternative to devaluation and John Monks's talk of long and short-term interest rates is unconvincing.

In the EMU the short-term interest changed - quite unpredictably.

next step must therefore be a common language. Perhaps Herr Kohl thinks that it will be German and M Chirac that it will be French, but English is the language of multinationals and further education throughout the world. I would think it rash to change the fundamentals of the economy without addressing this need.

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Vote of confidence in RA President

ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mr Norman Ackroyd, RA.

Sir. The Sensation exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts has, quite naturally, generated much passionate discussion within the ranks of the academicians. With such a wide range of artists among our membership, this is completely understandable, indeed desirable

This is not the first time (nor will it be the last) when such passions spill out into the media. The unfortunate effect is that because such revelations make news, the extraordinary achievements of the current presidency are going unrecorded.

Under Sir Philip Dowson, the finances and administration of the Royal Academy have been transformed. The accumulated deficit, which was of great interest to the media towards the end of last year fletters, December 13, 23, 1996; January 2), has been more than halved and the current deficit for the year reduced by nearly three quarters.

This has resulted in the Royal Academy winning the confidence of its financial trustees and of its inter-

national supporters. It has successfully broadened its appeal, particularly to young people. A whole new generation has been attracted to the Academy which, together with its sound financial base, bodes well for the 21st century. The president and his officers

be congratulated on these remarkable achievements, which surpass anything we could have hoped for. We would like to place on record our complete confidence in Sir Philip's presidency and hope that he will continue as long as possible with his fundamental and largely unrecognised work.

Yours faithfully. NORMAN ACKROYD, NORMAN FOSTER. ALLEN IONES. BRYAN KNEALE, I Morocco Street, SEI. October 21.

Donors' wishes and trustees' powers

From the Chairman of the Museums and Galleries Commission

Sir, In your leader, "Artistic licence" (October 15), you state that, under the 1992 Museums and Galleries Act, conditions placed on a gift to a national gallery can be overridden by that institution's trustees after 50 years.

This is correct, but the 1992 Act, and similar provisions in earlier legislation, do not extend to all national museums and galleries. In particular, no such statutory right applies to the Wallace Collection, which is comparable to the Burrell Gift in terms of the comprehensive restrictions stipulated in Lady Wallace's will, restrictions freely accepted by the Wallace Collection trustees and successive governments.

Further, the possession of this power does not mean that national useums and galleries are unaware of the importance of respecting donors' intentions. It is in this spirit that the National Gallery of Scotland continues scrupulously to respect the terms of the Vaughan Bequest of Turner watercolours of 1900, which stipulated that they should, for conservation reasons, only be dis-played during the month of January each year.

You suggest that national museum status should be extended to Glasgow Museums. Any such change would require the Burrell Collection to have its own trustees who would, in turn, have the duty of care and responsibility to the collection.

Glasgow is just one among a num-ber of museum and gallery services in the UK which care for collections of national or even international status, but which do not receive funding from central government.

The Museums and Galleries Commission has begun the task of identifying these outstanding collections through its Designation Scheme. which currently only operates in England. We hope to extend the scheme to the other countries of the UK, although ironically Scotland has to date appeared unwilling to join in.

The Government has a unique opportunity to address the issue of funding and governance of museums across the UK. We very much hope that the Scottish Office and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, both of which are participating Treasury-initiated strategic and spending reviews, will seize this opportunity to reconsider this important issue.

Yours etc. JAMES JOLL Chairman,

Museums and Galleries Commission, 16 Queen Anne's Gate, SWI. October 17.

Sir, As an Old Wycliffian could I

comment on the benefits of a vegetar-

ian diet ("Green and healthy", letters,

October 7, 10, 16). My spell at the

school coincided with the war years

and I have fond memories of the then

headmaster, W. A. Sibly, the school

still being under the direction of the

As a vegetarian contribution to the

war effort he carefully harvested a

patch of lawn to add to his diet.

Although he extolled the virtues of

grass to us boys, as I recall he had few followers; but he did remain healthy.

Wycliffe College in those days had a

vigorous regime: no food other than

that provided by the school (ie, no tuck

box), early morning outside PT in our

pyjamas (the exercises were epony-

mously named "Mullers" after the

German originator, confirming to us

sufferers the correctness of the armed

struggle) and liberal cold water. Con-

trary to your letter headline, much of

the time we were blue and healthy.

Blue and healthy

From Mr Bruce V. Jones

family dynasty.

Yours faithfully,

BRUCE V. JONES,

Down Ampney House,

Down Ampney, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Montserrat's needs

From Mr Dominic Brain

Sir. Two years since the first major volcanic eruption on Montserrat, overlapping but confused Whitehall departmental responsibilities have been slow to meet the practical needs of the poorest people on the island. The recent appearance by Clare Short, MP, and Baroness Symons in front of a Commons select committee (report, October 15) confirmed the frustrations widely felt on Mont-For two years, people have been liv-

ing in churches belonging to Christian Aid's local partner, the Montserrat Christian Council. "temporarily" converted into shelters. Since the most recent evacuation overcrowding has worsened.

I trust that the MPs from the select committee who flew to the island last week will now pay heed to those Montserratians living in shelters who have had little real say in determining their island's future.

Yours etc. DOMINIC BRAIN (Programme Funding Officer), Christian Aid, PO Box 100, London SEI 7AT. October 20.

Moveable feast

From Mr Douglas Verrall

Sir, "What is wrong with thinking about Christmas early?", asks Mrs Michelle Milsum (letter, October 13). Christmas is a time which sees a

From the Reverend K. W. Clinch

Sir, Mrs Milsum describes Christmas as a "moveable feast". Well, it all depends what you mean by Christmas. It seems to me that, nowadays, there are two seasons - Christmas. and Xmas.

Xmas is the one which begins earlier every year; it's in full swing in the shops by now, and ends when the shops finally close on December 24. Christmas begins soon after that,

with the midnight mass; and Christmas lasts forever.

K. W. CLINCH. Brae Cottage, 193 Hastings Road, Battle, Sussex.

Sir. As the owner of a small firm which sends out business calendars to its clients. I have been invited today to order (and pay for) our 1999 calendars. .1 know from past experience that

most Christmas stock is ordered in the early months, delivered in July and must be paid for by the end of August (ie, within 30 days). So new stock may as well be put on display immediately. in the hope that some early sales will help the cash flow to pay the bills.

and enjoy the season, I spend so much time thinking about it that there is a So here's a New Year Resolution:

Merry Christmas! Yours sincerely, A. C. GIBSON

3 Cedarway, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

October 13.

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e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

6,000 years ago, on this very day

From Mr Richard Butterfield

Sir, There are just over two years to go before we celebrate the millennium, but October 23 this year is a millennial landmark, as 6,000 years have passed since that day in 4004BC, which my nine times great grand-uncle, James Ussher (1581-1656), who became Archbishop of Armagh in 1625, calculated was the day of Creation.

As Ussher was working with the Julian Calendar as opposed to the Gregorian, which had been intro-duced on the Continent in 1582, I suppose we should make a ten-day adjustment to November 2, but that now seems somewhat academic in the light of the geological timescale's pointing to an age of the Earth of over

4,500 million years. Although ages of a few thousand years are only likely to appeal these days to biblical literalists, we should not deride Archbishop Ussher, as people in the early 17th century had no real concept of geological processes, let alone geological time. So perhaps one may raise a glass to the good Archbishop's memory.

I am Sir, your obedient servant, RICHARD BUTTERFIELD, Old Forge Cottage la High Street, Hemingford Abbots, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. October 20.

Zimbabwe's economy

From Mr Barry J. Lennox

Sir, By suggesting to Tony Blair that Britain compensates white farmers for 13 million acres of their land which the Zimbabwe Government says it will seize (report, October 20, earlier editions), President Robert Mugabe is once again looking for a hand-out to retrieve a situation of his own making.

Prior to Zimbabwe's independence Lord Trefgarne, speaking in the House of Lords in 1979, said: "It is likely that a constitutional settlement and the lifting of sanctions will lead to a large inflow of commercial investment into Rhodesia and there will be prospects of economic aid as well." As a result, Zimbabwe should be in a position to meet its financial obliga-

The fact that the Zimbabwe dollar is now worth a thirteenth of its value at independence shows how wrong Lord Trefgame was. In spite of continuing to freeze the capital of those whites who have left Zimbabwe since independence and of denying cost of sments to many ers, President Mugabe can still not manage to balance the books and must accept responsibility for the poor economic situation in which Zimbabwe finds itself.

Is it right that the UK should now be asked to pay for the political act of seizing productive white farms, leading to even greater problems for the economy?

Yours faithfully. B. J. LENNOX (President, Rhodesia Public Services Association, 1977-1980), Il Boyne Rise, King's Worthy, Winchester, Hampshire. October 20.

Modern violins

From Mr Terence Pamplin

Sir, Lord Menuhin [letter, October 17; see also letters, October 21) is quite right when he says that there are a number of fine violin makers in England today.

This was recognised recently with great generosity by Michelie Jenkins. the widow of the well-known violinist Tom Jenkins. She has endowed a valuable award to be presented annually in memory of her husband to violin and viol-making students at London Guildhall University. The award will be presented for the third time this year. In 1996 Mrs Jenkins made awards to a violin and a viol maker.

The standard of English viol making has seldom been better than in the 1990s, but then we were pre-eminent in this area of instrument making in the 17th century, as the Italians were pre-eminent in violin making at the same time.

The money for the Jenkins Me morial Awards was gained from the sale of Tom Jenkins's Stradivarius violin: a case of the old and valuable helping the new makers of today. . .

TERRY PAMPLIN (Reader in musical instrument technology). London Guildhall University. Sir John Cass Faculty of Arts, Design and Technology, 41 Commercial Road, El. October 17.

Lost in translation

From Señor Ernesto Aguirre 🧓

Sir, Reading today your report about tonight's match between Aston Villa and Athletic de Bilbao, I see with surprise that you call Bilbao airport Llegadas, when that is the Spanish word for Arrivals. The real name of the airport is Sondica.

Yours sincerely, ERNESTO AGUIRRE. Fuente del Berro 18. Madrid 28009. eaguirre@ttd.ibernet es October 2).

October 13. caught selling the endangered blue whale, rate would be of the order of 3-4 per marked increase in commercial exlittle was known about whale numbers, migploitation, private and public greed, reject a high seas ban. The Norwegians, who cent, and that would cause consumer From Mrs A. C. Gibson unhealthy eating, drunkerness, dangerous driving, sexual harass-ment at places of work, unwelcome borrowing in Britain to rocket and the plan to increase kills to 2,000 a year and continued whaling to be "sustainable". inflow of foreign money to dry up. The want to sell whale blubber to Japan, reject But the victory was only partial. This was strains taken by a variable exchange the ban on trade. Australia insists that the a moratorium, not a permanent ban, and left family reunions, domestic violence, rate would be reflected in incomes, ban must stay; so does the US, despite weakloopholes for indigenous peoples who relied prices and employment and the loneliness and suicide. ening its case by seeking a "cultural" quota on whalemeat, and for "lethal scientific balance of the economy would be Thinking about Christmas early for a Pacific coast tribe which has not been research" - the clause that Japan has places a burden of unrealistic expectanear a whale for 70 years. Britain, together Much of our trade with Europe tions on the majority of the popula-tion. The Christmas season needs to exploited to kill whales which end up not inconsists of cross-country movements with some conservation groups, claims that its laboratories, but in restaurants. În 1993, by foreign multinationals but British be shortened not lengthened, so that while it still supports the total ban in Norway exercised its right to enter a legal business increasingly turns to the - like Remembrance Day, for examprinciple" it could accept some coastal reservation to the IWC and resume hunting expanding markets of the Far East ple — its essential message can shine commercial whaling as the price of keeping of the relatively plentiful minke whale. In and Latin America where the rigidity through unhindered by excesses. Norway and Japan onside - provided it Always intending to do the Christ-mas shopping early, in order to relax 1994, the continued threat made it necessary. of the euro might be a disadvantage. Yours sincerely, DOUGLAS VERRALL, to declare a large tract of the Antarctic a If we focus on the United States as a This "realism" is simply not realistic. As model, a common European economy whale sanctuary in addition to the Indian 3 Springfield Road, defined by the Law of the Sea, the world's will only work if there is total mobility Ocean, where many great whales breed. last minute rush anyway. St Leonards on-Sea, East Sussex. of entrepreneurs and employees. The coastal waters cover 40 per cent of the October 13.

> Yours sincerely. FRANK GLYN-JONES. Oakdell, 7 The Grove. Ratton, Eastbourne, Sussex, October 21.

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McClonald, and a greatgrandson for Mrs Sally
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Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 22: The Hon Major-Rt Hon the Lord Provost). KENSINGTON PALACE General Sitiveni Rabuka (Prime October 22: The Princess Minister of Fiji) was received by garet, Countess of Snowdon. Colo-The Queen this atternoon at Windsor Castle.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron. nel-in-Chief, was present this evening at a Reception given by

London Federation of Clubs for Young People, this evening at-tended a Dinner at St James's Palace to launch Friends of the Federation. The Lord Haskel (Lord in Wait-

ing) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of The King of Swaziland and the Inkhosikati and welcomed His Majesty and Her Royal Highness on behalf of The

Queen, Mrs Patricia Wawn (Deputy Lieutenant of Essex) was present at Stansted Airport, Lond n. this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Botswana and Lady Mastre and welcomed His Excellency and Lady Masire on behalf of Her

Majesty.
The Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Baroness in Walting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Maldives and welcomed His Excellency on hehalf of The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 22: The Princess Royal today visited Liverpool and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside (Mr. Alan Waterworth).

Her Royal Highness, President.
The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning visited the Sefton Carers Centre, South Road. The Princess Royal, Patron.

National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, later re-opened Crosby's improved premises in Prince Street, Waterloo, Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this ulternoon attended a

Luncheon at Croxteth Hall Con-

ference Centre.
The Princess Royal this evening delivered a lecture at the Lothian European Lectures 1997 Europe and the Commonwealth in Edin burgh City Chambers. High Street, Edinburgh, and was reecived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of

Shaikha Jawahar. The Duke and Duches of Gloucester this evening visited Fujairah and were received by the Ruler of Fujzirah (Shaikh Hamad bin Mohanmed Al Sharqi) at the

Diwan Amiri. YORK HOUSE October 22: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning opened a seminar given by the British Marine Equipment Council at the

Queen Alexandra's Royal Army

Nursing Corps at the Royal Hos-pital, Chelsea, London SW3.

October 22: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief,

The King's Own Scottish Borderers, this afternoon received Major General Timothy Toyne Sewell (Colonel) and Brigadier Colin Mattingley and Brigadier

Andrew Myrtle (past Colon.ls).
The Duke and Duchess of
Gloricister today visited Sharjah
and Fujairah, United Arab

Their Royal Highnesses this morning visited the Old Fort, Al Hisn, and subsequently visited the

Sharjah Ari Museum. Afterwards The Duke and

ceived by the Ruler of Sharjah (Dr

the Chamber of Commerce and industry exhibition and attended a

Reception for the members at the

Business Club, Sharjah Expo

The Duke of Gloucester this

afternoon anended a Luncheon given by the Ruler of Sharjah at

the Diwan Amiri.
The Duchess of Gloucester vis-

ited the Sharjah Women's Club

and was received and sub-sequently entertained to Luncheon

Shaikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al

His Royal Highness later visited

Emirates.

KENSINGTON PALACE

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Haeundae Beach, Pusan, Korea. His Royal Highness later visited the British Pavilion at the Kormarine Exhibition and laid a Wreath at the United Nations Cemetery, Pusan.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Master, will attend the Trinity House Civic Luncheon at Trinity House, EC3, at 12.15; and as patron, will attend the 50th anniversary dinner of the Royal institute of Navig: tion, Plaisterers' Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

The Princess Royal will open the Commonwealth Partnership in Medicine meeting, Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh at 9.am; will open a new lab-oratory at the Medical Research Council Collaborative Centre. Western General Infirmary, at 11.20: and will attend a short installation ceremony to accept the gift of honorary membership of the Merchant Company, Merchants Hall, Hanover Street, Edinburgh,

Later she will attend a Scotland Africa 97 reception, Edinburgh University, Old College, South Bridge, at 6,00; and as Patron. College of Occupational Therapists, will attend the diamond jubiles celebrations for Occupational Therapy Education in Scotfund, Queen Margaret College. Street, Edinburgh.

Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Bamford, chairman and managing director, J.C. Bamford Group, 54: Professor G.W.W. Barker, archaeologist, 51; Mr Arthur Brittenden, journalist,

Mr Johnny Carson, American broadcaster, 72; Major Edwins Coven, former Chief Commoner, 76; Sir John Craven, former chair man. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell Group, 57: Mr Kenneth Durham, Headmaster, University College School, 44; Lord Hunt of Tanworth, 78; Mr Roger Jones, managing director, Woolworths,

Sir Archie Lamb, diplomat, 76: Professor Sir Frank Lawton. Professor of Operative Dental Surgery, Liverpool University, 82: Mr Iverach McDonald, former associate editor. The Times, 89: Pelè, footballer, 57; Lord Remnant, 67; Sir Raiph Rifey, FRS, agri-culturalist, 73; Mr Gerry Robinson, chairman, Granada Croup, 49: Mrs Anita Roddick, founder. Body Shon International, 55; Dr G.H.W. Rylands, CH, Shakespearcan scholar and producer, 95; the Earl of Shannon, 73; Baroness Trumpington, 75; Baroness Young.

Service dinner

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lans of Court and City Yeomanry The Lord Mayor was the guest of honour at a dinner given by Officers of the Irans of Court and City Yeomanny last night at Lincoin's Inn. Major Rupert Sawyer, Squadron Leader, presided. Colo-nel the Earl of Limerick received the guests who included Major-General Evelyn Webb-Carter, Lord Kingsland, QC, and Judge Hubert Dunn, QC.

Dinner

Middlesex County Cricket Club Dr Geoffrey Buchler was the host and speaker at a dinner held last night at Lord's Cricket Ground in honour of Mr Angus Fraser and to mark his benefit year for Middle-sex County Cricket Club. Mr Charles Colvile. Mr Mike Selvey, Councillor Alexander Nicoll, Mr Clin Selvey. Clive Smith and Dr David Mitchell were the speakers. Among others present were:
Mr Rupert Ashe, Mr Simon van
der Borgh, Mr John Marshail, Mr
Ed Piller, Mr Clive kadley, Mr
Mark Ramprakash and Mr Phil
Tufneil.

Supper

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a wine tasting and supper held last night at Westminster City Hall In aid of the Westminster Charitable Trust. The wines were presented by Mr Peter Sichel and Mr Richard Wheeler.

Sir Reginald Murley

A memorial service for Sir Regi-nald Murley, KBE, TD, FRCS, will be held at St Clement Danes, Strand, on Thursday, December 11, at noon. Applications for tickets, which will be sent out on Friday, November 28, should be made in writing to The Secretary. The Royal College of Surgeons, Lin-coin's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN.

Lord Hunt of Kings Heath

The life barony conferred upon Mr Philip Alexander Hunt has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Lord Hunt of Kings Heath, of Birmingham in the County of West Midlands.

Lord Hunt of Wirral

The life barony conferred upon Mr David James Fletcher Hunt has been gazetted by the name, style of Wirral in the County of Mersey-

Baron Orme

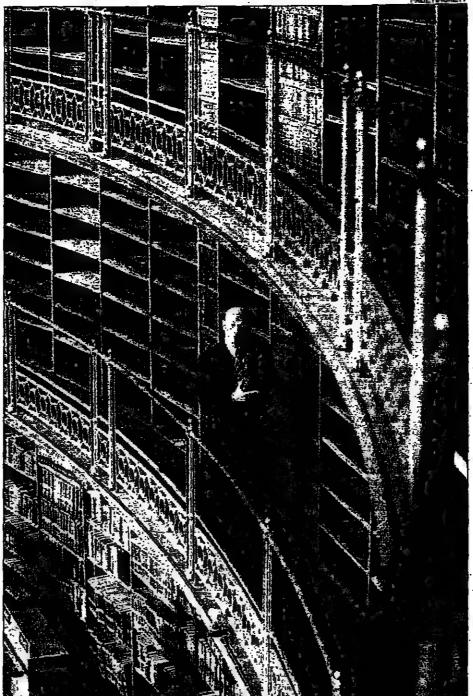
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Baron Burlison

The life barony conferred upon Mr Thomas Henry Burlison has been gazened by the name, style and title of Baron Burlison, of Rowlands Gill in the County of Tyne and Wear.

Mr Jürgen Gehrels

Mr Jürgen Gehrels, Chief Executive of Siemens, has been awarded an Honorary KBE, in recognition of his service to the competitiveness of UK industry Anglo/German industrial



Some of the last books in the Reading Room at the British Museum being cleared from the shelves yesterday ready to be moved to the new British Library. The Reading Room, which opened in 1857, has catered for authors and academics including Karl Marx, Lenin, George Bernard Shaw and Thomas Hardy. It will reopen in three years as home to a 25,000-volume reference library and a computerised database

Inns of Court awards

Lincoln's Inn

Mansfield: Ricky Diwan, Trinity Coll, Cambridge: Paul Greatores, Christ Church, Oxford Sunley: Rosalind Phelos. Pambroks Galt, Oxford: Thomas Lebs: Univ di Keni/Christ Church. Oxford: Chris-topher Mann, Magdalen Coll. Oxford.

Tancred studentships: Stephen Tud-way, Christ Church, Oxford: Peter Gny, Clare Coll. Cambridge.
Thomas More Bursaries: Kevin Baum-bor, Univ of Essex: Naomi Bestine, Univ of Liverpoot: Devid Bendley, Notting-ham Trent Univ. Thomas Brattmente, Assus Coll, Cambridge: Paul Burne, Liverpoot Univ, William Byrne, Bristol Univ: Robert Craig, KCL: Matthew Feargrette, Worcester Coll. Oxford: Mary Gibbons, Smiths Coll. US: Devid Green, Fembroke Coll, Oxford: Jamas Hodivals. Leicester Univ. Alastair Ladicin. Si Andrews Univ. Paul Lanisar, Huddershied Univ. Kazis Langa, Christ Church, Oxford: John Lovelady, Leeds Univ; Feter Lowrie, Trinity Coll. Dublint Hannah Markham, Middlesst Univ: Sanna Moody, Leeds Univ. Univ. Anne winstone, swanses Univ. CPE Awards: Elizabeth Barber. Brasenose Coll. Oxford: How Dison. Birmingham Univ: Tobias Edwards. Rent Univ: Carole Ferguson. Aberdeen Univ. Simon Griffin. Trinily Coll. Cambridge: Sapra Jefhant. Jesus Coll. Cambridge: Sapra Jefhant. Jesus Coll. Cambridge: Ratherine Scotl. Surrey Univ. Susan Thomson. Trunty Hall. Cambridge: Tamara Trefnsis. New Hall. Cambridge: Jenniter Wigmore. Jesus Coll.

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Scholarships and Awards 1997/8 Princess Royal Scholarships: Ketyn Bucon, Merton Coll Oxford and Euro-pean Univ Institute, Florence: Jody Bureridge, St. Andrews & City univi-Henry King, Balliol Coll. Oxford, and

Orthort Nicholas Craig, KC., Ostord a Cry univs: Peter Ferrer, Univ of Wates and City Univ. Orlando Gledhill Outsern Univ. Chanda Corpus Christ Coll. Oxford: And City Univ. David Grant. Worcester Coll. Oxford: Charlotte Kibroy. Masdalen Coll. Oxford: Korina Lahaam. The Gurge Washington Univ. Rupert Lowe. Trinity Hall. Combridge, Bristol Univ. Rapert Lowe. Trinity Hall. Combridge, Bristol Univ. Byand West of England Univ. Byang Forder. Perabroka Coll. Oxford: Caroline Powey. London Univ. Madeteine Shaw. Susses Univ. Myriam Suscey, Bristol Univ. Lisa Wilder, LSE and Harvard Univ. Byangeries: Sonble Cartwilkht. Wilder, ISE and Harvard Univ.

Bursaries: Sophie Cartwright.

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Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Jean-Philippe Rameau, organist and composer, Dijon, 1683; Francis Jeffrey, Lord Jeffrey, judge and literary critic, Edin-burgh, 1773: Adalbert Stifter, novelist, Oberplan, Czechoslovakia, 1805: Pierre Larousse, lexicographer, Yonne, France, 1837; Robert Bridges, Poet Laureate 1913-30, Walmer, Kent. 1844; Louis Riel, Canadian insurgent, St Boniface, Manitoba, 1844; George Saints-Manitona, 1844; Usunge Samulan, bury, critic and historian, Southampton, 1845; Douglas Jardine, Surrey and England cricket captain, Bombay, 1900; Diana, Dors, actress, Swindon, 1901; 1021

Wiltshire, 1931. DEATHS: Thomas Pride, Parliamentary soldier, Wortester House, Surrey, 1658, Edward Stan-ley, 14th, Earl of Derby, Prime Minister 1852, 1858-59 and 1866-68, London, 1869; Theophile Caurier, poet and novelist, Neutly-sur-Seine, 1872; W.G. Grace, cricken, Condon, 1915. John Boyd Dunlop, igventor of the pneumanic tyre, Dublin, 1921; Zane Grey, writer of western novels, Alzaderia; California, 1939; Al Jolson, singer, San Francisco, 1950; Merle Oberon, actress, Los Angeles, 1979 The Cavaliers of King Charles 1 clashed with the Parliamentary. Roundheads at the Battle of Edgehill, 1642.

The first Parliament of Great Britain met, 1707. The banle of El Alumein began,

Royal Thames Yacht Club

The Duke of York has been reelected Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club. The following have also been elected: Vice-Commodore, Mr. Peter C. Hunter, Rear Commodores, Mr Charles O. Liddell and Mr Peter M.N. Jennings.

The Institute of

Risk Management The following candidates were successful at the June 1997 ecaminations of the institute:

K M Reynolds, A R Taylor, N R

Associates: B O Ajwang, N J Andrews, Mrs S M Bailey, Miss V Bandekar, H C Barke, M J Buckle, K J McIntosh, A J McNames, Mrs S J Brook G R A J McNamee, Mrs S J Brook, G R Caima, A Cave, J P Clarke, J W Clements, S J Cross, J B Deans, N J Devar, M P Doyle, C W Fallon, J G Foster, A Gallacher, B J Großan, Ms C Hall, T Hennessy, I Flewitt, Mrs S P Hurst, Mrs L B Ingliam, K A Jones, S G Jones, A Jordan, N P. Kaiyanasundaram, P. P. Kelly, I. Kiricman, R. Krishnan, Mrs. S. Lahiri, G. O. Lynch, R. J. Mann, I.A. McColl, J. Molaney, N. Pay, Ms. S. J Pearson, J E Pettitt, J D Player, G E Proctor, R Ravi. C Robbins, B M. Rider, G Sajiv, C M Sheard, J K Siddle, S J Smallbone, A J Smith. Thomas, Ms L Thorn, N K Todd. S T Treece, Mrs P A Van-Der Heidez, P Varghese, D Walsh, S Walsh, S R Warrier, S P Watson, M. A. Whitby, M. R. White, P. A. White, A. D. Willmott.

Latest wills

Angus Richmond Colville, of Tavistock, Devon, left estate valued at £1,888,327 net. Sir Dermot Renn Davis, judge, of Marlborough, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £268,611 cm. Henry Plantas, of Golders Green, London, left estate valued at £1,334,029 net. Klara Gertrude Sternberg, com-pany director, of London NWII, eft estate valued at £1,330,673 net.

Prudence Elizabeth Tully, of London W6, left estate valued at £1,055,12L net. Neville Wallis, of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, left estate valued

MEMORIAL SERVICES

be held for Michael Churchill Hale at St.

BIRTHDAYS

Forthcoming marriages *

Mr R.N.T. Cormack and Miss L.C. Eardley Wilsnot The engagement is announced between Richard Nicholas Thomas, younger son of Sir Patrick and Lady Cormack, of Enville, Staffordshire, and Lucinda Claire. youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Eardley Wilmot, of Live Ashes, Sussex.

Mr J.P.B. Davie-Thornhill and Miss R.A. Podger

The engagement is armounced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N.B.B. Davie-Thornhill, of Stanton-in-Peak, Derbyshire, and Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F.H.C. Podger, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr D.R. Hammerson and Señorita E. Serrano del Hoyo

The engagement is announced in between David Rory, son of Mr and Mrs David Hammerson, of Everleigh, Wiltshire, and Eva. eldest daughter of Seriores Juan Serrano Alarcon and Maria Luisa del Hoyo Moreno, of Granada, Spain.

Mr M.E. Hird

and Miss R.M. Poxton The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr. and Mrs Frank Hird, of Castle Camps, Cambridge, and Rachael, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Adrian Foxton, of Taunton.

Somerset. Dr M. Moran

and Or A. Huster The engagement is announced between Mathew, elder son of Mr J. and Mrs. D.A. Moran, of Wolverhampton, and Abigall, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs J.A.A. Hunter, of Rosiin.

Mr K.E. Sholl and Miss M. Pead

The engagement is announced between Keith, second son of Mr and Mrs Albert Sholl, of West Wickham, Kent, and Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs London SE6.

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Mr.D.R. Stiles

Mr.D.R. States and Miss A.L.F. Fidler The engagement is announced between Duncan Robert, elder son of Mr Robert Spratt, of Upton-Sid Leonards, Gloocestershire, and Mrs Ian Simpson, of Arkholme, Lancashire, and Alexandra Louise Field, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Fidler, of Pyrford, Surrey. Mr M.C. Strode

and Miss S.J. Crosler

The engagement is announced between Mark, schof Mr.P. Strode and Mrs M. Strode, of West Byfleet Surrey, and Steffany, daughter of Mr. G.B. Crosler, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Mrs P. Hunting.

Marriage

and Miss S. Yeomans

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 20, 1977, at St Bartholomews' Church, Horley between Mr Richard Ashton, son of Dr and Mrs J.B. Ashton, of Mereworth, Kent, and Miss Sarah Yeomans, younger daughter of Mr Michael Yeomans, of Singapore, and Mrs Kim Yeomans, of Horley Surrey.

The reception was held at Flightey Marior, Balcombe, Sus-sex, and the honeymoon was spent in the Maldive Islands.

Carmen's Company

The following have been installed as officers of the Carmen's Company for the ensuing year. Master, Mr J.E. Ratcliff Senior Warden, Mr B.J. Hooper Junior Warden, Mr J.M Silbermann.

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PRESMAR - On October 11th 1997, to Susanna and October 20th to Ooy and Richard, 3 son Howard

KANCAII - On September 10th at St Thomas Bospital, to Loredana (née Camlini) and Sanjay, a son, Jay Kahir.

Thomas Bariament Olives.

PAYME - On October Sth. 1997.

at Royal Susses County
Hospital, Brighton, to
Michael and Caroline Rayne,
triplet boys; Feederic Waltur
"Froddie", Angustus Hasold
"Gas" and Oliver Douglas
"Olile", three brothers for
Montague Charles "Monty". Palbig - On 30th September to Mark and Erika (see Redding), a daughter Cilvia DEATHS

#ER - On 16th October 1997 to Rachel and Adam, a son Jasper James Thomas, a brother for Samuel PLOWDEM - to Helen (née Gilbey) and Roger on 14th October 1997 a daughter,

Caroline and Martin, a beautiful son, Thomas George, first grandchild for Fam and David Hitchess. STAMFORD - On 29th September to Guy and Anne, a daughter, Alexandra May Varieta EVALES-THOMPSON - 10%

20th October to Sara Alex, a son, Angus.

DEATHS

BIRTHS

ANDREM - Counad, aged 77, after suffering a stroke on October 17th, died in St. Many's Hospital, Paddington on Sunday October 19th; Fungal Service, Piday 24th at 1.00pm, West Leadon Crematorhum, Harrow Road, W.10. All figures and enquiries to IH. Kenyon Ltd. 0171 937 0757. AVISON - Rosemary

Wilhelmha m 18th Control
1997. Widow of James
Arthun 1st Officer Section
Navy lost in Russian Convo.
Formerly a Sister in the
UALLEFO former Mayon of GALLERY former litters of Pearson House, St Dunstans, Brighton, R.I.P. Requiem Mass at Church of the Sacred Henri, Norton Road, Hove at 10am on Friday 24th October followed by burial at Hove Cemetery, All enquiries ulease to Armos & enquiries please to Attree & Kent Limited 01273 688223.

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SELLAMY - Geoffrey Guy,
DFM and bar, DFC, Des.
R.C.A. Freeman of the
Goldsmiths' Company,
retired Principal of
Canterbury and Makistone
Colleges of Art on 18th
October, Such layed Schen
Foneral cervice at Elean
ratio Courts 24th October
Bi 12 2003. Donations to
imperial Cancer Fund.

Bailsegfon - Dr. Boy formerly Mengo, Uganda, died peacefully on October 21st. Thanksgiving Service, Southover Chunch, Lawes on Saturday Novamber 1st, 1145am. 01273 474781.

BUCKSTÜSS - On 20th October 1997, Hope, M.S.E., sister of Ruth and derroted sunt to all her nephews and alsoes. Funeral service at St Michaels Church, Sutton-os-the-Hill, Darbyshirv on Thursday 30th October at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished for Service Church.

"Cam" Major Gordon
Highlanders, died on
October 21st aged 83.
Funeral Service at
Friday 24th October at
9.45am. Flowers to F.
Jempson & Son, 38 High

1997 Jane (née Blundell) aged 35 years, Darling daughter of David and Genry. We will love you and miss

22nd 1997 peccatally for aged 93 years, wife of the late Reg Cooke-Hurle. Service of Thanksgiving at Semicy Church near Semiey Church near Shaftschury, Dorset at 2.30pm on Thursday October 30th. Cut flowers only please to Semiey Church by 12 noon. All onquiries to Bracher Brothers F/D Gillingham, Dresst. Tet 01747 222404.

Moor Put, Northwood Much house toother of Puths and Cyril and life long friend of Nora. Suddenly on Friday 17th October, Private cremation, only relatives ind does friends Lindy as flowers or letters. Donations if destined to Parkinson's Disease Society (Research), 22 Upper Weburn Piace, London WCIE OSA. A memorial sarvice will be hald at a heer dam.

DBLOM - Skinchiffs, Durhem.
Passed away peacefully on
Friday October 17th aged
101 years Colonel Margare
Norman Dillon M.C. Funeral
Service will be held at St.
Mary the Virgin Church,
Shincliffe at 10.15am on
Friday October 24th
followed by cremation at
Dutham Crematorium.
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FRENCH - Harrold Arthur George, actor theatre and film director died on October 19th aged 97. His firm wife Phythis, his second wite Pegs and his daughter Annie predecessed him. He had many friends and will be greatly absend by all who knew and loved him. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Monday October 27th at 11.00am. If desired, flowers or domations for the Actors Benavolent Fund to T.H. Sanders & Bons, 35 Barnes High Street, SW13 (0181 B76 5255).

PALBRAITH - Frederick Cruddas peacefully at Bridge House, Eistead on October 20th aged 89. Dear husband of the late Poggy and much loved father and d father and distinct. Granation at grandfarme. Cowpen, Northumberlane Couper 29th at 2pm. Family GOLDEY - Professor Frank on

GOLDRY - Professor Frank on 20th October died peacefully after a short liness aged 94. Much loved humband of Helen Ross and father of James, Libby, Stephen, Derek, George and Harry, A Funezal Servica will be held at St Mark's Chatch, Barton Boad, Cambridge at 2.15pm on Thersday 6th November. All enquires to Cambridge Penezal Services Limited. Tel: 01223 478255.

HARE - Lt. Col. Robert Geral MARE - L. Col. Robert Gerald Dillion Have died pescefully on 14th October 1997 at Hayling Island, Eumpahire Formerly of 12 Camberley Road, Norwich and the Royal Nucrolk Regiment. Devoted husband of the late Eve and vary greatly loved father of Carol and Anthony and a very dear brother and grandfather, Service at St. Andrew's Church, Hayling Island, at 12 moon on Saturday 25th October.

and Claire, wonderful Grannie of Richard, Robin, Edmund and Emily, Died at house in Okt Portaneuth an October 20th, 1977, Pussein service at Portaneuth Cathedral, on Priday October 51st at 400pm.

BRETROS - Arthur Francis, Cinemalographer, died on 19th October aged 75 years. For 55 years beloved husband of Morah, loving father of Paul, Angels, Julie and Class, grandfather and greatgrandfather. Require sizes at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Birkmansworth on Friday Christians Church, Richmansworth on Friday 24th October at 10:30 am Family flowers only, but donations if wished to Michael Sobell Rouse, Mount Former Formers I Mount Verson Rospital to James Peddle Limited, 10 Moneyhill Pande, Uninidge Road, Bichmentworth, Herts WDS 3RE

MAY-Caell died 14th October 1997 in Hospital aged 81 years. Resident of Leamington Fark Villes Landon W11, son of Sadland Esther Eay 28to beother of Alex. Bettined from Accounts Department of CIC (now UIP) funeral at West London Crematorium on Monday 27th October at 11,30 am. Enquiries to John Nodes Funeral Service tek 0181 969 1819.

LONG - Hisabeth Joyce.
Peacafully en October 16th at Milford House Nursing Home, formerly of The Close, Salisbury, aged 89. Beloved sister of John, Aidren, Mary and the late Elsens and Gay and sunt of many nephtwis and misces. Faneral Service at Salisbury Cathedral on Thursday Joth October at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Salisbury Cathedral Trust c/o LN. Newson Ltd. Puneral Directors, Geffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wirs. LONG - Elisabeth Joyce. Peacefully on October 15th

MAGURE - Rancy Etton aged 90 years. Peacefully in a nutring home on 21st Cutober stee a short linear formerly of Chmissigh and Shalford, Surrey. Dearly loved by her husband Funcia, her children learns, Hashett and their families. Fungral Service at St. Harry's Church, Shalford Honday October 27th at 3 yes. Family flowers. Enquiries, and doubtions if wished to Service with Children of Funeral Services. wished to Serve the Chairman of a Funeral Services Petersfield Limited, 19 The Square, Petersfield, Emmelshin GU32 3BB. Tel: 01730 262711.

MOSE - John Cottam - Jock to all his many friends. Peacefully at Eunappade Hospital on Sunday 19th October 1997. Beloved husband of Or, father of David and Feer and their families. Much loved step-father to Deanne and Su. Private family funeral. Memorial Service at the Charterbouse-in-London. Charterbouse-in-London IC1, on Friday 21s Kovember at 1130cm.

miderts - Gillian of Sunbury-on-Thanses in her 74th year after a brief liliness. Desighter of the late Charles Eastace and Marjoris Roberts (see Cooper), and beloved sister of the Inte Mary Pauline Weebel. She is survived by five meoas and families residing in Canada and England and many commiss thoughout the UK. She will be gusuly missed by all of her family and friends. Service to be held at the Seath West Middlesez Commission, Harverth on Crematorium, Hanworth on Tuesday 28th October at 12:30pm. Enquiries to Lodge Brothers 01932 786402.

STOWEL - Peter Thomas 6th October 1932 to 16th October 1932 to 16th October 1937. Beloved hushand to Amira, adored father to Sally and Debesah. Funeral 11.25 am, Fridays 24th October 1937, St Johns Church, Catestham, Tribonas welcome, donations to British Baser Foundarion.

TYLDER-WRIGHT. - (née Lindsay). On the 17th October 1997, suddenly at home in Oakford, North Devon, Diama Louise, aged 73 years. Private Commation 73 years, Private Committee but a Setrice of Thunksgiving and Interment of Ashes will be held at Califord Counch on Seturbay 25th October at 12 noon. Provers, if desired, may be sent to J. Westmoott & Son, Funeral Directors, 2A West Street, Scott Michigan, Northern Street.

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OBITUARIES

Edmund Wolf, former Director of Programmes at the BBC German Service and Lordon correspondent of the German veckly Die Zeit, died on October 16 aged 87. He was born

on April 23, 1910.

dmund Wolf belonged to that now nearly extinct band of refugee writers from Central Europe whose exile deprived hem of their homeland and their anguage. The conflicting pressures of laving to make a new start in Engand and the inescapable need to use the German language were to dominate Wolf's life almost until is death.

He was born in Rzeszow, near Krakow, in what was then Austrian Poland, and went to Vienna as a child of four, just before the outbreak of the First World War. Having made one presocious career as an Austrian playwright before he was 25, he achieved much in two others: in the BBC's German Service between 1942 and 1962, and thereafter as one of Jermany's most successful writer/diectors of television documentaries and focumentary-dramas.

Yet the stage remained his true love. While studying law, philosophy and istory of art at the University of lienna, he found time to attend the teinhardt Seminar, named after its moving spirit, the celebrated director Max Reinhardt. While still officially a student, he had his first play produced professionally when he was only 22. This apprentice work was quickly followed by two more plays. These established a vigorous personal style: tightly plotted comedies, with firm storylines that developed from believable characters. Wolf's abiding interest was people, as he would show again and again throughout his career as a writer and a television director.

His precocious skills were soon ecognised. At 25 he was made Dramaturg of the Deutsches Volksheater. Then, in 1937, he had his first ig hit. Räubergeschichte, which was layed all over the German-speaking brld, revived after the war, transated into many languages and adapt-id for television. England, however, iever saw it.

England saw the author instead. tware of the Nazi threat, Wolf first urrived in 1937, though not yet with any :lear thought of immigration. Events n Austria charified the issue and the ale of a film story to 20th Century Fox provided the means of staying put.

Along with many of his contemporaries, Wolf was interned as an "enemy, alien" soon after the outbreak of war and shipped to Canada. Released as a

Sir William Shanland.

former charleman of

Blackwood Hodge, died

on October I aged 84.

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EDMUND WOLF



Wolf interviewing Edward Heath for German television in 1962

result of the intervention of the PEN Club, he was invited to join the German Service of the BBC, broadcasting wartime propaganda, thus regain-ing a German-speaking audience, even the medium had changed. Soon promoted to director of programmes. he was able to leaven the diet of news and exhortation with features and plays. Many of these he wrote himself. his inventiveness seemingly inexhaustible, his facility remarkable.

Wolf also developed a significant career in print journalism. He wrote pseudonymously as London correspondent and columnist for the German weekly Die Zeit between 1950 and 1965. Subsequently, he also wrote regularly for the Suddeutsche Zeitung, from 1970

In 1943 he married Rebecca Wijnschenk, a Jewish refugee from-Holland. At this time he also effectively abandoned his earlier thoughts of going to the United States, settling permanently in Britain instead, and taking British citizenship.

In his lively home, English and continental cultures mingled, with politics and the arts the perennial topics. Wolf was as confident in his convictions about the one as he was about the other: Marxism, whose roots lay not in how human beings are but in how intellectuals wanted them to be, was a fraud; stylistic obscurity and self-

Hodge on Sunley's death in

The son of Arthur Shapland

and his wife Alice, William

Arthur Shapland was educat-

ed at Tollington School,

Muswell Hill, and then

qualified as an incorporated

accountant. He was top of

both the intermediate and the

final examinations lists, and

ten years later he repeated the

performance when taking the

chartered accountants' exams.

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leved while working with the

long-established firm of char-

tered accountants Allan Charlesworth & Co, which he

joined as a clerk in 1929,

becoming manager in 1936

and a partner in 1946. He was

SIR WILLIAM SHAPLAND

dealing with the accounts of

John Blackwood Hodge & Co

and Bernard Sunley & Sons.

and later, of advising their

indulgence in writing were worthy only of contempt. Scarcely less important to him was

his need to make sense of his own split identity. Wolf had been born into a Zionist though far from Orthodox household. Over time, he became religiously less observant. Yet his sense of being Jewish was powerfully reinforced by the catastrophe that drove him into exile and destroyed nearly all the members of his wider family. His parents, brother and sister were virtually the only survivors, finding safety in what was then Palestine. To the end of his life he tried to reconcile his strong sense of Jewish identity with his attachment to a European - particularly German - culture and his doubts about Judaism as a religion.

His subsequent career did not make achieving this reconciliation any eas-ier. Wolf's desire to extend the scope of the BBC's postwar German service into television brought him to the notice of the German television industry. Only when he had negotiated a contract that allowed his family to continue to live in England did he begin his 25 year stint for the German first television network, which continued until he was almost 80: During this time he wrote and directed some 80 documentaries, as well as a number of documentary-

His most celebrated work was a

was his advice that in 1946 he

was invited to join the group

as a non-executive director.

Then in 1954 he became an

executive director and re-

signed from Allan Charles-

worth. He succeeded Sunley

Shapland made no pretence

of being a builder; nor did he

claim any particular manage-

ment skills; his great contribu-tion was his shrewd

assessment of economic devel-

opments as they might affect

the long-term prospects for

contracting and development.

He brought a stream of for-

ward-looking ideas, and his

sense of humour and accessi-

as chairman ten years later.

reconstruction of the hijack of Earthansa flight, LH615: Operation München, which bore all the hallmarks of his dramatic training and which won a prize for best television play of the year in 1976. Two plays on the relations between Hitler and his generals were also produced in the late 1980s. His last TV play, on the murder of the foreign minister of Czechoslovakia. Jan Masaryk, was broadcast when

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he was nearly 80. Yet Wolf never came to terms with his estrangement from the stage. His efforts to break into the English theatre had come to nothing. Excellent though his command of the language had become, his modulations and overtones were not quite in place. Iron-ically, two of the plays he wrote in English after the war became successes on the German stage in his own translations: in England they were never performed.

Gradually television and newspaper journalism came to absorb his energies, but never his full talents. He knew some contentment, but did not wear it lightly. His family was a source of pride; his friendships were loyal and durable: but those who knew and loved him realised that he would have given almost anything for a return to the

His wife predeceased him; he is survived by his two sons.

speaks for itself.

his staff. The group's remark-

able success in his time

In 1960 he was closely invol-

ved with the establishment of

the Bernard Sunley Charita-

ble Foundation, the invested

funds of which are now -

thanks largely to his wise

guidance - worth around £60

million. Charities and institu-

tions as varied as the Salva-

tion Army and the Royal

Philharmonic Orchestra, the

Scout movement and the Wild

Fow! Trust feature on the list

of beneficiaries. The Charing

Cross Hospital has also been a

honorary fellow of the Royal

College of Surgeons in 1978,

and knighted in 1981. He was

Variety Club of Great Britain.

and in 1980-81 was Master of

continued to be active as a

trustee of the Sunley Founda-

tion. He was largely instru-

mental in setting up the Charing Cross Sunley Re-

search Centre, which later

the Paviors' Company. He retired in 1986, but

notable recipient of help.

chairman, Bernard Sunley, bility made him popular with on their affairs. So valuable his staff, The group's remark-

SIR JOHN CURLE

Guards, only to be posted,

after being commissioned, to a uniformed post in the War

Then the Foreign Office, short of young diplomats, grabbed him back and packed him off to Lisbon. A sense of

disappointment over not being

in action stayed with him for

· Curle was subsequently posted to Ottawa, Brussels, to

Stockholm and Athens as

counsellor, then to Boston as

consul-general, 1962-66. In

1967 he began his first tour

as Ambassador to Liberia -

also taking over responsibility

for Guinea in the following

year. Despite his diplomatic

correctness he managed to

make one minor faux pas.

President Tubman stalked

across the floor at a reception

to complain: "Ambassador,

you have put down your glass upon my Bible." An apolo-getic Curle later observed that

Tubman should have sent

across an aide to point out

the misdemeanour more

discreetly.

Cabinet office.

much of his life.

Sir John Carle, KCVO. CMG, former vice-marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, died on September 30 aged 81. He was born on December 12, 1915.

JOHN CURLE was the very model of a vice-marshal of the Diplomatic Corps. Tall, courteous and distinguished, he not only looked the part himself but made sure that everyone else did.

For three years he helped to shepherd his flock of foreign ambassadors to the Court of St James, ensuring that protocol and placement were observed. Intensely loyal to his country and its crown, he loves all ceremonial and tradition, knew every uniform and decoration - and insisted on everyone doing "what is right" : a : a : His appointment as vice-

marshal and head of protocol at the Foreign and Common-wealth Office (FCO) came, however, towards the end of a career which otherwise might have ended in disappoint-

John Noel Ormiston Curle was born at Brighton, the family's roots lay in Melrose, Scotland. He endured the rigours of boarding school life at Marlborough where he became head of his house in his final year. To his credit he never exercised the privilege of beating juniors.

It was amid Oxford's wider pastures that he flourished. Going up to New College, he not only took a First in history but won a half-blue for skiing which he had practised since the age of four - and skied for British Universities against the Swiss.

Curle then won a Lamming travelling fellowship at Queen's College, which he used to learn German and French before entering the Foreign Service.

No sooner had he started than the Second World War broke out. Anxious to serve, he volunteered for the Irish

Philippines, it was not the front-rank embassy to which Curle might at one time have aspired. This was why in the following year he was so pleased to accept the highly suitable appointment of vicemarshal. Not only was the job congenial to him, but it led to a second career. On retiring from the FCO and being appointed KCVO in 1975, he was appointed director of protocol in Hong Kong, where he happily settled into colonial life for the next nine years. Shortly after leaving there

at the age of 70 he was invited back to Africa, to act as an adviser for the coronation of the King of Swaziland. He left the Swaziland banquet unconventionally by scaling the royal palace's nine-foot railings, in grey morning coat and top hat, to escape being trampled underfoot by the crowd which was threatening to engulf the festive tables.

John Curle was a supremely fit man throughout most of his life. An accomplished horseman, he hunted with the Bicester and played polo. While in Hong Kong, he went on walks through the New Territories at a pace which left younger men behind.

He trained with the British Olympic skiing squad in 1948 and narrowly missed being picked for the national team; he skied across the Alps in Switzerland to his daughter's confirmation, hoping fervently that he would not take a numble in his best suit, and continued to practise the sport into his 70s. But sadly he was overtaken by Alzheimer's disease and eventually moved to a nursing home last year.

John Curle's marriage in He was surprised on his 1940 to his first wife Diana arrival in Monrovia to find was dissolved. In 1948 he marthat many European embasried his second wife. Pauline, a young widow whose first hussies had stopped inviting Africans to dinner on the grounds band had drowned with two that they all turned up late or other men in a yachting tragenot at all. The Curies made a dy off Pembrokeshire. John Curle is survived by her, a son point of asking everyone, regardless of colour or creed. and daughter from his first Although in 1970 he moved marriage and by two step-

NIKOS PANAYOTAKIS

Panayotakis, scholar of Byzantium and the Renaissance, died of a beart attack at Heraklion Crete, on September 30 aged 62. He was born in Heraklion in January,

1935.

A NATIVE of Crete, an island with a proud sense of its history and tradition, Nikos Panayotakis devoted himself to tracing the true lineaments of that history on the basis of the surviving literary and documentary evidence. From his doctoral thesis, on a Byzantine account of the reconquest of Crete from the Arabs in the vear 961, to his later work on the early life of El Greco and on the previously unknown loth-century composer Francesco Leontariti (both of whom came from Creie), his native island provided a focal

Shapland was made an point for Panayotakis's work. But despite this strong regional focus, his intellectual horizons were always broad. on the executive board of the What emerges from the dozens of scholarly articles and books he published is the excitement of tracing the inter-change of ideas, of tracking the movement of thinkers and creative artists between East and West, and particularly between Venice and her Greek-speaking dominions in the eastern Mediterranean

during the period from the 13th to the 17th century. Working from documentary evidence, Panayotakis was able to demonstrate convincingly that the Renaissance in Italy and Western Europe was not the product of a one-way traffic westwards, but involved a process of interaction which had profound consequences in the East as well as in the West.

Panayotakis took his first degree and doctorate in Ath-

ens. Between 1962 and 1965 he was in London, where the most formative of many discoveries for the young scholar and bibliophile was the library of Warburg Institute. During this time he studied with the eminent Byzantinists Joan Hussey and Robert Browning, and with the Islamist Bernard Lewis. He was appointed to his

first academic post in Greece in 1966, but his career was threatened by the military dictatorship which seized power the following year, after which Panayotakis found himself in self-imposed exile in Venice, Britain and the United States until 1970. Then, as a result of the solidarity of his academic colleagues at the University of Ioannina, where his appointment as full professor had been annulled in 1968 by the regime, Panayotakis was able to take up his post after all. He remained there, at least nominally, until mov-ing in 1987 to the University of Crete, which he had in the meantime helped to fund.

Concurrently with his tenure at Ioannina. Panayotakis was a member of the governing body of the University of Crete from its inception in 1973

until 1986. His tolerant but strong managerial hand is credited with much of the organisation and early running of its School of Philoso-

Panayotakis was widely expected to succeed Professor M. I. Manoussacas, who in 982 retired as Director of the Instituto Ellenico in Venice. Not by nature a patient man. though possessed of a selfdepreciating humour which could come to the fore at such ti: es. Panayotakis had to wait seven years before his appointment was confirmed by the Academy of Athens. The post in Venice, which he

held alongside his professorship at Crete from 1989 until his death, brought Panayotakis to the geographical and cultural heart of the Renaissance world that he had made so much his own. During his final years, and with energies only slightly diminished by chronic heart trouble. Panavotakis continued to write and to publish, and at the same time to recreate the institute in Venice as a new focal point for the study of East-West cultural exchanges from the later Middle Ages to the Renaissance.

Panayotakis was a scholar who never ceased to think on the large scale, and who possessed the energies to match. But what distinguished him most was his insistence on detail. Never one to suffer fools gladly, he inspired many younger scholars by his example and by the interest he took in their work. But new ideas and breadth of vision were never enough for Panayotakis, although he had plenty of both. Ideas needed proof, and the standards of proof he set, both for himself and others, were high.

He is survived by his wife. Elli, and their two sons.

ON THIS DAY ISOLATED VILLAGES OF SOUTH WALES

tween Rhymney and Caerphilly, has

3,000, the report says that it is a doomed

village: what mining there is will cease in five

or six years, and already the road of approach

has been carried away by a landslide, and the

alternative route lengthens the journey by several miles. Pantywaum is up on the moors,

shut in like a walled stronghold, except that its walls are shale and mining rubbish, all

erry and unfertile. It has an entry through an

October 23, 1937

South Wales, with Scotland, West Cumberland and Tyneside, was one of the depressed areas, which in 1934 were renamed Special Areas. The change of name did little to revive them.

embankment, but no through road: it is one way only, and the stream of life's interests and stimuli do not flow that way."

What is to become of the young life there and of the parents of the children as well? If (the report answers) all these 20 towns and villages had a variety of industries and that richness of life that comes from a good mixture of people of all types, abilities. renfessions, and classes, there might be little reason for a settlement in the valley. But as it happens many, if not most of them, are places where there is one industry only, and in the main one class of people - workers. In most

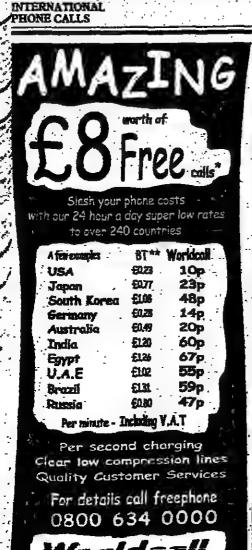
eases the industry has diminished or closed down, and in consequence there is apparently incurable unemployment affecting the greater part, if not the whole, of the population, People have ceased to have that independence which was theirs when in full employment: they are dependent upon public assistance and this means that they are having to learn to create their own interests, and to turn their all too ample leisure to individual and social advantage. It is this very important business that the Settlement is seeking to foster and cultivate. By occupational clubs, musical lestivals, inter-club sports and competitions, drama lestivals, and summer holiday camps of people from all parts of the valley a new form of neighbourliness is springing up and a deeper sympathy and interest is being

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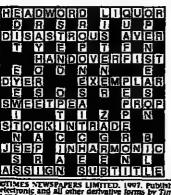
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Best buys: Hallowe'en in a supposedly haunted village in Kent, riding in Ireland; flights to East Coast

The victory of Milo Diukanevic im the Montenegro elections] is good news because Montenegro will Grace Bradberry praises begin a new and better era and it is not impossible that the Yugoslave federation will also do so M Djukanovic has openly denounced the authoritarian regime of Slobodan Milosevic and he has also made it known that he would oppose any attempt by M considers almost nothing Milosevic to reform the constitution to extend his powers - Le Sour

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Preview: Dolly, the cloned Scottishsheep, is the subject of Horizon: Davm of the Clone Age (BBC2 9.25pm). Review: Joe Joseph suspects that Modern Times: Di (Channel 4) must be a Harry Enfield spoof Pages 46, 47

Irvine's hard choice

That a man with horsehair in his blood such as Lord Irvine should face down his brothers-in-law is altogether admirable. His zeal should not, however, lead him to act too precipitately _____ Page 21

The Strasbourg Four

The Labour party's actions towards its MEPs show all the worrying signs of a leadership obsessed with

Beached policy

This Government claims to stand for principle in international policy. Whaling is a fair test of that commitment...

Traders new sys

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If the Queen, as head of the Commonwealth, is no longer welcome. in its most populous state, what is the point of carrying on as it

PETER HAIN

The Alternative Vote is almost certainly the only option the Commons would back. MPs are hardly likely to vote themselves out of their Page 20 OWN Seats....

GRAHAM MATHER Labour's heavy-handed attempt to. silence discussion about its illjudged plans for proportional representation in Europe is a chal-

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Edmund Wolf, former director of programmes; BBC German Service: Sir John Curie, former vicemarshal of the Diplomatic Corps:

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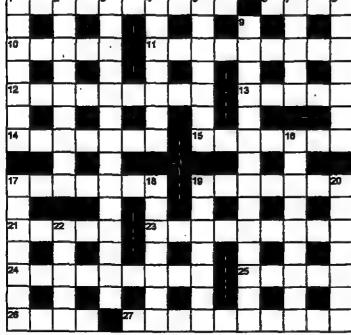
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3 Cosmetic surgeon might show disdain thus (4.2.4.4). 4 Search for knowledge about queen — one Henry beheaded (7).

5 Unavailing call to cut down exploitation (7). 7 Longs and shorts (5). 8 Jersey has primarily sunny climate, but not hot (7).

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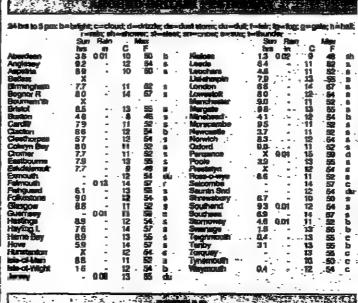
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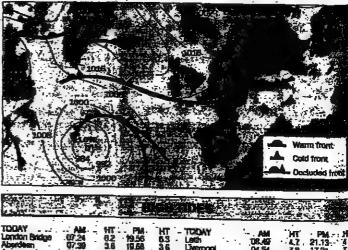
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THURSDAY OCTOBER 23 1997

Prices prove highly volatile

Traders blame new system as shares slump

THE new electronic trading system was blamed for a turbulent session that produced a 133-point turnround in the FTSE 100 index

tant to use Sets, the new computerised system that matches buyers with sellers. The absence of liquidity leads to sharp fluctuations as the spread between the bid and offer price grows.

in the space of an hour yesterday, the FTSE 100 index plunged from being 42 points down to 100 points down, before swinging back to close down 77.1 at 5.148.8. The index had started the session almost 32 points up.

The new system was designed to lift volumes by reducing the spread between bid and offer, which is where the market-makers traditionally make their money. But the lack of volume has had the reverse effect, with share price movements in many cases unjustified by the number of shares traded. In contrast, the FTSE 250, which trades under the old wholesale system, closed just 2

Sentiment in the City was that Sets was doing everything it was not supposed to do. There was no liquidity, volumes were lower and spreads were wider. Jeremy Batstone, head of research at NatWest Stockbrokers, said: "My personal view is that we probably came within a hair's breadth of BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

a disorderly market this afternoon. It was the first time since the order-driven trading system was brought in that the system has come under serious pressure. It was unable to cope with the volumes."

Share prices were extremely volatile, fluctuating unpredictably for no apparent reason. Mr Batstone said the spreads between buying and selling prices had in some cases widened from less than I per cent to 2 per cent within minutes. He said private investors were bemused by the rapidly changing prices.

He added: "It's extremely

concerning. We were down

over 100 points at one point, but there was no sense of reality. There was so much

Renewed worries about the Government's stance on European monetary union pro-duced the heaviest day's trading since the system was 801.8 million shares changing hands. Worries about the strength of the pound meant that companies with substantial international exposure, such as engineering and pharmaceutical groups, suffered the worst price volatility.

Many in the market put the

like sales growth of 5 per cent.

But shareholders remained

angry. One investor criticised

the selection process that fol-

lowed the abrupt resignation of Bill Cockburn as chief exec-

utive in the summer. He said it had been "badly handled and

was enormously damaging to the company". He added: "This should be reflected in a

resignation from the board".

Another shareholder said:

We do not need to get rid of any part of the business. We

need someone to roll up their

sleeves and get on with sorting

In heated exchanges, em-

ployees of the WH Smith news

distribution business, attend-

ing as shareholders, took Mr

Handover to task over alleged

plans to cut their wages by Zi

shares rose op to 4092 p. The shares traded at a 12-month

high of 4832 p in May.

Yesterday WH - Smith

settle down once dealers grew accustomed to the new system. Paul Kavanagh, of Killik & Co, the private client stockbroker, said: "There's got to be a case here of the market feeling its way in the first instance. Because the system allows you to move very quickly, you are seeing sudden shifts - all blue to all red. Trading strategies are being practised, and, in certain cases, volumes are

Mr Kavanagh said the system cut down time waiting for quotes from market-makers, and was likely to settle down as confidence in using it grew. Brian Winterflood, of Winterflood Securities, said: "It's a long learning curve. There has been a big tail-off of business in the last couple of days, but I'm sure it will pick up. This is

The turnoil accompanied the publication of new figures fered the biggest monthly fail for six years in September. Retail sales fell by 1.9 per cent compared with August, while the annual rate of sales cent to 3.7 per cent.

The Office for National

Statistics said that a market fall-off in windfall spending and slow sales during the week of the filneral of Diana, Princess of Wales had caused were about £250 million lower



Mr Bean, alias Rowan Atkinson, is out to help PolyGram, the entertainment group, with the film Bean. The group's pre-tax profits rose 15 per cent to £38.7 million in the third quarter to September 30, while net sales grew 34 per cent to £815 million. Although the film division deepened losses from £5.8 million to £9.7 million, Alain Levy, chief executive, remains optimistic

City is left confused by proposal to sell-off CDC

TONY BLAIR revealed yesterday that the Government would partially privatise the Commonwealth Development Corporation, but left the City - and the CDC - confused as to how and when the sale will

The Prime Minister told a Commonwealth business conference in London that the Government would sell a "substantial stake" in CDC and plough the proceeds from the sale, expected to total around £500 million, back into development programmes. He described the 50-year-old corporation as "an underutilised asset", with "the capacity to play a much greater role in mobilising new private finance for poorer countries".

But the Government admitted later that the details of the sale — which is being heralded as the first example of Labour's much-vaunted public/private initiative were far from finalised.

The Department for International Development said that the partial privatisation had only been agreed "in principle" after a study by BZW, the merchant bank, confirmed its feasibility. An Act of Parliament will be prepared sometime "in the lifetime of this Parliament", a

spokesman said. CDC said it bel Government will reduce its stake to around 40 per cent, but would maintain control through a "golden share". Roy Reynolds, chief execu-tive of CDC, said: "We have

agreed with the Government

to seek some form of partner-

ship but lots of the details still

have to be worked out." He

admitted that the announcement had come as a surprise to many of the CDC staff.
CDC, which has around El.6 billion invested in 54

countries, has long argued for a loosening of Government ties so that it can raise private finance to fund new projects. The corporation invests in some of the poorest countries in the world on a market-led basis, but strict Treasury bor-rowing guidelines have meant that it is only able to fund new investments from existing

CDC suggested yesterday that it would favour a public flotation rather than a private sale as it believes a wide ownership structure will preserve its "unique" character. "We are looking to long-term investors, who will make longterm investments," Mr Reynolds said.

CDC has recently launched

a profile-raising exercise in the

City in preparation for attracting private funding and to win backing for the Common-wealth Private Investment Initiative, three investment funds for regions that do not have access to the capital markets. The latest Commonwealth investment fund, to be targeted South Asia, will be iaunched at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Saturday. CDC is providing abmost half of the £75 million raised by the fund so far, but is hoping to attract sufficient private investment to boost the size of the fund to around £150

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Boeing's share price went into

freefall after the aircraft maker said it will make a loss in the third quarter of 1997 because of a shortage of raw materials and parts that will cost about \$2.6 billion to clear.

Purification

Protean, the laboratory equipment group, has agreed to a £102 million cash bid from Culligan of the US. which makes water purification equipment.

Resign call for board at WHS

THE WH SMITH board faced calls for its resignation and a harrage of criticism from shareholders and employees at its annual meeting

Shareholders took issue with the board over demerger plans, the handling of the appointment of Richard Handover as chief executive and the poor performance of the company's shares. Last week WH Smith re-

vealed plans to demerge Waterstone's bookstores and sell its music retailing businesses after rejecting two takeover approaches by Tim Waterstone, founder of the

Yesterday Jeremy Hardie, chairman, sought to appease investors by reporting that group sales, adjusted for open-ings and closings, were up 8 per cent, while the main high street store has seen a marked improvement, with like-for-

Partner's £1.7m writ for KPMG

AN AGGRIEVED former partner in KPMG is suing the accountancy firm for £1.7 million, seeking compensation for everything from es-tate agent's fees to the cost of fitting out his home. Dickin Drew, who worked

for KPMG in France, says it reneged on a lucrative four-year contract after encouraging him to sell up and return to the UK. In addition to £1.3 million in loss of earnings, he claims £200,000 in loss on resale of his Paris home. £27,600 in estate agent's com-mission; and about £5,000 in additional furnishing for his London home.

Sharman, KPMG senior partner named in the action, said: "I regard this as a try-on, and we intend to resist it robustly." He said Mr Drew, 56, had been employed in the UK as a consultant, on six months' notice either way.

BT-MCI meet rival bidders

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

TOP executives at BT will conduct a frenzied round of meetings in Washington today, aiming to set out plans for a three-way alliance with MCI and GTE, the two US telephone groups, so fighting off their rival, WorldCom.

Sir Ian Vallance, the BT chairman, and Sir Peter Bonfield, the chief executive, will hold the first talks with GTE and MCI in the morning, discussing how to fight off the \$30 billion (£18.5 billion) WorldCom bid for MCI. GTE has made a friendly \$28 billion offer for MCI.

In the afternoon the BT executives will hold their first face-to-face meeting with WorldCom directors.

City analysts do not expect BT to warm to WorldCom suggestions that the UK group could take a 10 per cent stake in WorldCom-MCL BT's own \$24 billion bid for MCI is being discarded after winning

a price reduction this summ on the grounds of MCI's worsening profits.

Third-quarter MCI earnings, reflecting the growing problems, will be published later today. They could have an effect on whether WorldCom will raise its stock swap offer further to counter GTE's cash hid. Analysts are expecting profits to be down from \$300 million to \$130 million.

Stuart Conrad at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, the broker, said: "People are expecting a bad quarter. The decrease will alert people that MCI is not without problems; even in its core businesses, not just in the local markets. But it also highlights the opportunities. MCI is at the trough of its earnings now."

Warnings earlier this ye that MCl's earnings could fall threw the deal between BT and MCI into turmoil, prompting WorldCom and GTE to bid.



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Buffett scoops up ice cream group



Buffett: has a junk food portfolio

FROM OLIVER AUGUST

WARREN BUFFETT, America's richest investor, has bought himself some : ice cream to go with his burgers and soft drinks. Mr Buffett, known as the Sage of Omaha, paid \$585 million (£350 million) to scoop up the 5,000 ice cream franchises of Dairy Queen.

Berkshire Hathaway, the investment group run by Mr Buffett, already owns a \$1.4 billion stake in McDonald's and a \$10.5 billion stake in Coca-Cola. Coke's higher than expected results this week increased the value of Mr. Buffetts holding by \$250 million.

He said: "Dairy Queen will be a great." addition to the Berkshire family. It is a

business that I like, run by an outstand-

ing management team." Dairy Queen is the original forerunner to today's fast food giants. Over the past 57 years poincered many of their lightning sales techniques. In addition to his junk food collection Mr Bullett, a trim 67-year-old, also owns a candy factory.

His success as a stock picker is founded on the simple premise that he will only buy a company if he under-stands its products. But his most handsome recent profit comes from a business that few would claim to under-

stand fully — investment banking.

He owns 19 per cent of Salomon
Brothers, the value of which more than doubled in the year before being bought by Travelers Group, the insurance company, last month. Salomon reported third-quarter profits this week. The 47 per cent rise, to \$200 million, nested Mr Buffett a further \$25 million on paper.

Dairy Queen will become a subsidiary of Berkshire. The move to take the company off the stock market underlines Mr Buffett's view that stocks could crash soon. Last month, he turned his back on the stock market with a \$2 billion bond buying spree.

The Berkshire Hathawawy fund would be one of the biggest losers if the market crashed. It has \$34 billion invested, mostly in high-profile companies. News that Mr Buffett is taking money out of stocks has scared small investors who follow his portfolio adjestments religiously. His oft-repeated advice to them is: "Risk comes from not knowing what you are doing."

BY PHILIP BASSETT

BUSINESS NEWS

BRITAIN'S best new jobs over the next ten years will be created mainly in the South, new governmentcasts show today.

While the number of jobs will not fall sharply. Women will take most of the new jobs, with selfemployment among women set to rise sharply.

The forecasts of changing employment patterns come from Business Strategies, the economic research group, which has close links to the Confederation of British Industry. The estimates suggest continuing employment growth.

Total employment - selfemployment plus employ-ees — should increase by up to 1.7 million between 1996 and 2006, the study says. Women will win about two thirds of the extra jobs, although there will continue to be more men than women in work.

Self-employment is forecast to grow quickly, rising 23 per cent to 4.1 million. Self-employment will increase even more rapidly mong women, jumping by as much as 36 per cent.

Part-time jobs will rise about 10 per cent, but full-time employment will be broadly static. Unemployment is forecast to reach 5.2 per cent by 2006.



Bill Hughes, left, chairman of Grampian Holdings, the Edinburgh Woolien Mill to plant hire group. David Stevenson, his deputy, and David McGibbon, finance director, lifted interim pre-tax profits 12 per cent to £7.7 million and the payout to 2 lp

Production problems put Boeing on course for loss

BOEING'S share price went into freefall on Wall Street yesterday after the aircraft maker said it will make a loss in the third quarter of 1997 after hitting production prob-lems that will cost about \$2.6 billion to clear up.

The Seattle company admits that it has been unable to keep up with "unprecedented" demand for new planes from commercial airlines. It has been hit by shortages of raw materials and parts — both internal and bought-in - and has had to add thousands of new employees.

Three weeks ago, the air craft giant was forced to halt production of 747 jumbos and the latest version of its 737 jet. The stoppage is likely to last fallen about 9 per cent to be-low \$50 by midday on Wall about one month.

Phil Condit. Boeing chairman and chief executive, said the company would take a \$1.6 billion (£980 million) one-off charge before tax in the third quarter to cover the cost of the attempt to bring the production line back up to speed. Third-quarter results are expected on Friday.

By the end of 1998, Boeing may face additional costs of \$1 billion before tax from the production disruption. The company hopes to have resolved the problem next year. Boeing stock was heavily

Boeing received a record 712 orders for new aircraft last year and has been trying to increase production rates from 18 planes a month a yearand a half ago to 40 a month. in an attempt to meet the increased workload, Boeing has called back 100 staff it laid off from McDonnell Douglas

after the \$16 billion merger.

Analysts had scaled-down profits forecasts after the production halt was announced but still expected a profit for the third quarter. One Wall Street analyst said the size of

expressed confidence in Mr Condit's ability to turn the ituation around

Airbus Industrie, the pan-European consortium that competes with Boeing, said it was not experiencing produc-tion difficulties because of the buoyant civil aviation market. It produces far fewer planes than Boeing - with 185 expected in 1997 - and has been able

to grow relatively consistently from its smaller base, without relying on the aerospace cycle.

Boeing faced a further difficulty yesterday as Karel van Miert, European competition commissioner, ordered a check on a long term supply contract with Delta Air Lines.

Dixons set for talks over union recognition

BY PHILIP BASSETT . INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

DIXONS, the electrical retailer and one of Britain's most staunchly non-union companies, is to open talks next week with a trade union ahead of government plans to introduce statistory union recognition.

The U-turn comes after a naming and shaming of Dixons by the TUC as one of seven companies that pursue what the unions consider an anti-union agenda. Dixons is understood to be concerned about

negative publicity after being named by the TUC as part of the campaign on recognition.

Since publication of the TUC document, John Clare, managing director of Dixons, has contacted John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, who put him in touch with the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union. The move, revealed in People Management, the journal of the Institute of Personnel and Development (IPD), was con-

firmed by Dixons. Sir Stanley Kalms, chair-man of Dixons, is a strong opponent of key trade union. issues such as recognition, a minimum wage, and signing the European social chapter. to which the Labour Govern-

ment is committed. Mr Monks is expected to welcome the move today when he addresses the annual conference in Harrogate of the IPD. Ken Jackson, AEEU general secretary, said: "We are very pleased that Dixons is going to meet us."

Fidelity to pay \$10m settlement

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

FIDELITY Investments, which runs the world's largest mutual fund, will pay \$10 million (66 million) to settle a class action suit over misleading investors.

Shareholders' in Micron Technology sued Fidelity, managers of the \$60 billion Magelian Fund, for talking up the shares of the technology company while selling of

Mageilan's stake.
The dispute was sparked in 1995 by Jeff Vinik, then the star manager of Magellan. Mr Vinik told investors that Micheap" but then sold 1.3 million Micron shares the next month. The share price plunged 16 per cent, leaving thousands of investors feeling betrayed when Magellan made a disclosure to the Securities and Exchange Com-mission. They claimed that Mr Vinik manipulated the share price so he could liquidate his large position without crashing the share price.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Gavyn Davies and Sue Nye

ROLLOWING our article "Millions made on gilts before EMU report" (September 30), we wish to make it clear that insofar as we referred to Gavyn Davies, managing director of Goldman Sachs, and his wife, Sue Nye, who is political secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, it was not intended to suggest that he had received any confidential information from her which caused Goldman Sachs to take the position it did in gilt futures.

Compliance aid backed

HOWARD DAVIES, the Securities and Investments Board chairman and head of the new super-regulator, "NewRo", has chairman and head of the new super-regulator. The shacker a new training body for compliance officers policing sales of financial products. Just days before NewRo is launched and named, he helped to launch the Compliance Institute, a self-regulatory body to help firms with ethical issues of financial selling. The body, formerly the UK Association of Compliance Officers, will offer a qualification of Compliance Officers, will offer a qualification. for compliance staff of companies selling financial services.

Insurers increase sales

NORWICH UNION, the insurer that floated earlier this year. vesterday reported a 12 per cent rise in worldwide business volumes in the first nine months of 1997. In the UK, new annual premiums totalled £192 million, 17 per cent up on last year's first nine months. Commercial Union also saw strong rises in new business premiums. For the nine months, new business ruse 19 per cent, to £2.3 billion. Annual premiums in the UK were 9 per cent up, at £40 million. Elsewhere in the world, annual premiums soared to £183 million from £23 million.

Mobility for numbers

ALL FOUR of the UK's mobile telephone operators have agreed to a scheme that will allow mobile phone users to keep their numbers when they switch operators. After talks with Oftel, the telephone regulator, Cellnet, Vodafone, Orange and One20ne have agreed to licence modifications requiring them to offer number portability from January 1, 1999. Don Cruickshank. Director-General of Telecommunications, has argued that customers are put off from shopping around for the best deal because they cannot keep their numbers.

Pringle to cut 290 jobs

PRINGLE, the Scottish knitwear company that is part of Dawson International, is to cut 290 jobs in its Hawick, Galashiels and Berwick plants. The company, which currently employs nearly 2,000 people, blamed the strong pound, which it said had cut export sales and orders for 1998 by up to 25 per cent. The company sends up to 60 per cent of its products overseas. It said the strength of sterling had meant the price of its garments on sale in Germany and Japan: two of its key markets, had risen by up to 35 per cent.

Accountants merging

MERGERS among accountancy firms are extending to the lower ranks. The London office of Casson Beckman is to merge with Baker Tilly to become the twelfth-largest firm in the UK. The new firm, to be known as Baker Tilly, will have combined fee income of about £40 million, with almost 100 partners and 11 offices. Clients include Groupe Chez Gerard, Conrad Rithlat. and Creation Records. The deal was brokered by Douglas Llambais, the merger specialists. Accountancy, page 30

Pinault withdraws bid

FRANCOIS PINAULT, the French financier, yesterday withdrew his hostile offer for Worms & Compagnie, leaving Italy's Agnelli family in the front line of the battle for control of the French conglomerate. M Pinault said he could no longer afford shares that have been driven higher by a series of bids involving Worms; Generali, the Italian insurer; AGF, the French insurer; and Agnelli. The Someal unit of the Agnelli-controlled ifil Hold ing said it would maintain its friendly offer made with AGF.

Dunkin' Donuts deal

WATSON & PHILIP, the convenience store and food services group, has signed a franchise development agreement with Dunkin' Donuts, part of Allied Domeco, to open and operate outlets throughout the south of England. It already sells the Dunkin' Donuts doughnuts in some Midlands and Scottish stores. The doughnuts will be supplied to more than 150 of Watson & Philip's Alldays convenience stores: Alldays also plans to open stand-alone Dunkin' Donuts shops.

Price war is no game

NINTENDO and Sony, the Japanese electronics groups, are to stage a price war in the UK computer games market at Christ-mas. Yesterday Nintendo dropped the price of its 64 computer console to £99.99 after Sony's decision last week to offer a "Value Pack" of console, memory card and second controller for £129.99. The prices are about two thirds of those at which the consoles were sold last year. Nintendo has also cut the price of many games. Sony claims to outsell Nintendo by four to one.

Cookson growth in US

COOKSON GROUP said earnings for the year would be in line with expectations and indicated that the interim dividend to be paid on December 2 would be a foreign income dividend with no scrip alternative. Cookson said that underlying sales growth in electronics was being sustained with growth in the US, while markets in Europe remained flat. Cookson Matthey Ceramics is still suffering from a difficult market in zircon, but advanced refractories are still enjoying high demand.

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death of Diana, Princess of Wales, a publicity seeking economist issued a bulletin declar-

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hint of official vindication for the theory. But if their effect is to dissuade next month's meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee from upping interest rates, only a fraction of the credit should be apportioned to the memory of Diana. While mourning may have depressed sales, rather more prosaic factors such as the weather and a drying up of windfalls probably account for rather more of the fall off in consumer spending.

Retail sales certainly slowed

down in September, but though it is interesting to note that the total was 1.9 per cent below the August figure, this is not hugely relevant. Far more impartant is how September 1997 looked compared with September 1996 and the answer is 3.7 per cent up. That is a pronounced slow down in the rate of growth but remains steeper than inflation.

Given that windfalls have stopped tumbling from the branches of demutualising building societies and a series of interest rate increases will now

Don't blame the Diana effect

be taking their toll, consumers will have had less to splurge last Yesterday, the Government's retail sales figures provided a month roll clothing and cold snap would have been a happy encouragement to spending. month. For clothing and footencouragement to spending.

The Diana effect, although a

useful new line for those retailers who perenially blame the wea-ther for disappointing sales, is likely to have been the smallest component in the £250 million of distortions that the Office of National Statistics divined Most shops closed for half a day, but many purchases would have been postponed rather than cancelled. Some depressed souls might even have been tempted to indulge in a little retail therapy. The mail order company which is claiming to have lost two major shopping days — the first Sunday, when Diana died and people were focused on their televisions not their catalogues. and the second when they were too upset by the previous day's funeral to contemplate placing an order - will at least only be able to use that excuse once.

What the sales figures really indicate is that the consumer boom has calmed and the Monetary Policy Committee does not need to turn another twist on the



Such news would not normally have sent the stock market into a tail spin but yesterday we saw the magnifying effects of the new order driven trading system. Its launch on Monday was a triumph but as volumes built yesterday, the new era took on more worrying perspectives. The tendency to over-exaggerate is not restricted to economists and share dealers will have to keep a sense of proportion as they learn to live with the new system.

Lilley missive tests regulator nerves

he Shadow Chancellor's request for an investigation into apparently unusual trading on the days before two dramatically price-sensitive press reports on Britain and the single currency appears to have been greeted by the Securities and Investments Board rather like a stink bomb lobbed through the classroom window. SIB not only refused to say whether it Chancellor, he is quite deterwas prepared to respond to Peter Lilley's request but also declined defensive for the first time since the general election. He has also even to say whether it is the asked the Treasury Select Comappropriate regulator for the matters brought to its attention. mittee to address the issues he

Either it is or it isn t. Either the Shadow Chancellor sent his letter to the right people or he has made an ill-informed mistake. Given that Mr Lilley has a City background, and is generally regarded as one of the most intelligent members of the Shadow Cabinet, the latter seems rather unlikely.

The Bank of England, the other recipient of the Lilley missive, would say no more than that it is considering its contents but at least it had the grace not to try to pretend that the issues

ing up and down of the markets

over the past few weeks, and suspicions about trading that

appeared to pre-empt key press

stories remain the number one

talking point in the City.

raised are none of its business. Whether Mr Lilley manages to Mr Lilley's letters may be a source of considerable embarprovoke some action from either rassment to the regulators. SIB is institution remains to be seen. about to enjoy a huge expansion But, having had rather a quiet of its powers courtesy of this first few months as Shadow

its differences with the Treasury over the loss of its supervisory role but it would not want to exacerbate tensions by turning investigator. Nevertheless, it is incumbent on both organisations - not to mention the Treasury Select Committee — to be seen to hold the Government to account as much as they would a private individual or institution. mined to make hay while the Treasury is frazzled and on the

Flying in the face of commonsense

has raised and is intending to put own-sizing can be dan-gerous. That is the indown parliamentary questions as soon as the Commons returns from its long summer hols.

There is little doubt that the escapable message from Boeing where its streamlining impact on the financial markets has slimmed down the workforce of successive, contradictory leaks and briefings on single currency policy is a matter of the most urgent public interest. The rampto proportions more akin to Concorde than a jumbo jet.

The result of the over-zealous job cuts has been near chaos, lost orders and a bill for nearly fl billion as it tries to bring its workforce back up to speed. The company is not alone in having to face the indignity of being forced to try to re-employ those with whose services it has so recently dispensed, but the scale of Boeing's problems is extraordinary. Given that the company is still trying to shake down comfortably after its \$16 billion

merger with McDonnell Doug-las, there are understandable fears that a management which has gone so badly wrong already now has scope to multiply its mistakes.

The saddest aspect of the debacle is that Boeing has the right products, winning a record. level of new orders last year. Failure to meet those orders on time, apparently inevitable, may well prompt customers to look elsewhere in the future. This should be good news for Airbus as it heads, slowly, towards incarnation as a single corporate entity and eventual flotation,

But the company will need to guard against the Boeing mistakes and perhaps a first step towards that would be to eschew the advice of those consultants who are so expert in the art of down-sizing but so lacking in the creative ideas which can win business and create jobs.

Financial wizardry

FRESH from taking BAT to Zurich, Earl Cairns is now faced with the challenge of turning the Commonwealth Development Corporation into a semiprivatised operation. Since the Government seems vague about quite how it intends to deal with CDC, the corporate finance wizardry the pipe-smoking chair-man adopted in his days at Warburg should be useful in devising a way to make CDC look irresistible to investors.

Hilton rules out bid for Ladbroke

BY OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK AND DOMINIC WALSH

HILTON Hotels Corporation (HHC), the US hotel and gaming group, has ruled out a bid for the UK's Ladbroke Group, in spite of failing to acquire IIT, owner of the Sheraton chain.

Speculation that Hilton could try to capitalise on its ex- • isting alliance with Ladbroke had driven Ladbroke shares above 300p this week. However. Steve Bollenbach. HHC's chief executive, has told Wall Street analysts that he is not planning to make another big acquisition and may instead buy back shares.

Hilton will also try to pick off single hosels that could consolidate its position in the US. Mr Bollenbach confirmed Will not raise his Sil billion bid for ITE after Monday's \$13.3 billion white knight offer for it from Starwood Lodging.

Most UK analysis have also ruled out a play for Ladbroke, saying that the alliance forged by it and HHG a year ago reunifying the Hilton brand would produce most of the

Care First

receives

benefits without the huge cost of a bid. One added: "Bollenbach has said all along that he is interested in buying into hotel and casino real estate in the US. Buying Ladbroke does not satisfy those criteria. It simply isn't going to happen."

Another London-based analyst said: "I think what you'll see is HHC and Ladbroke eventually moving towards a merger, possibly in three to four years' time, after the benefits of the alliance have been fully exploited."

In keeping with the nasty at-mosphere that has surrounded HHC's bid for ITT, Mr Bollen-bach yesterday likened Starwood to an "ugly girlinend" on a shopping spree with "Monopoly money". Starwoo pay 80 per cent of the \$13.3 billion with its own stock, which has proved volatile. Although HHC's bid will

technically stay open to be voted on at ITT's annual meeting on November 12, Wall Street analysts say it is doomed.

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Float plan for Virgin Express

approach By Paul Durman

CARE FIRST, the nursing homes company recently hit by boardroom rows, has received a takeover approach. Shares in the company

umped from 115½ p to 138½ p, valuing it at £220 million. City numours suggest the approach to Care First comes from outside the industry." This was being taken to mean Bupa, which has just

bought Goldsborough for £76.7 million, or perhaps Norwich Union. Another possibility being touted was that the approach comes from the management team backed by a financial bidder, such as Nomura, or a private equity firm. Chai Patel resigned as Care

First's chief executive in August after a breakdown in his relationship with Keith Bradshaw, the chairman. Some angry institutions considered pushing for Dr Patel's reinstatement but eventually decided to back

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BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

VIRGIN EXPRESS is preparing to launch low-cost airline routes into Britain from Brussels after its £130 million flotation. Richard Branson's return

to the stock market, almost ten years after be bought his company back saying investors did not understand him. was announced to Virgin Express staff in Brussels vesterday The dual share listing in

New York and Brussels aims to raise £60 million to pay off debt and buy aircraft to expand the service to four new British airports.

. It is expected that shares will begin trading by the end of next month. Mr. Branson, who will

chair Virgin Express, took his Virgin group private in 1988 but Jonathan Ornstein. Virgin Express chief executive, said: "Access to public markets is essential for airlines. Requirements have changed over ten years."

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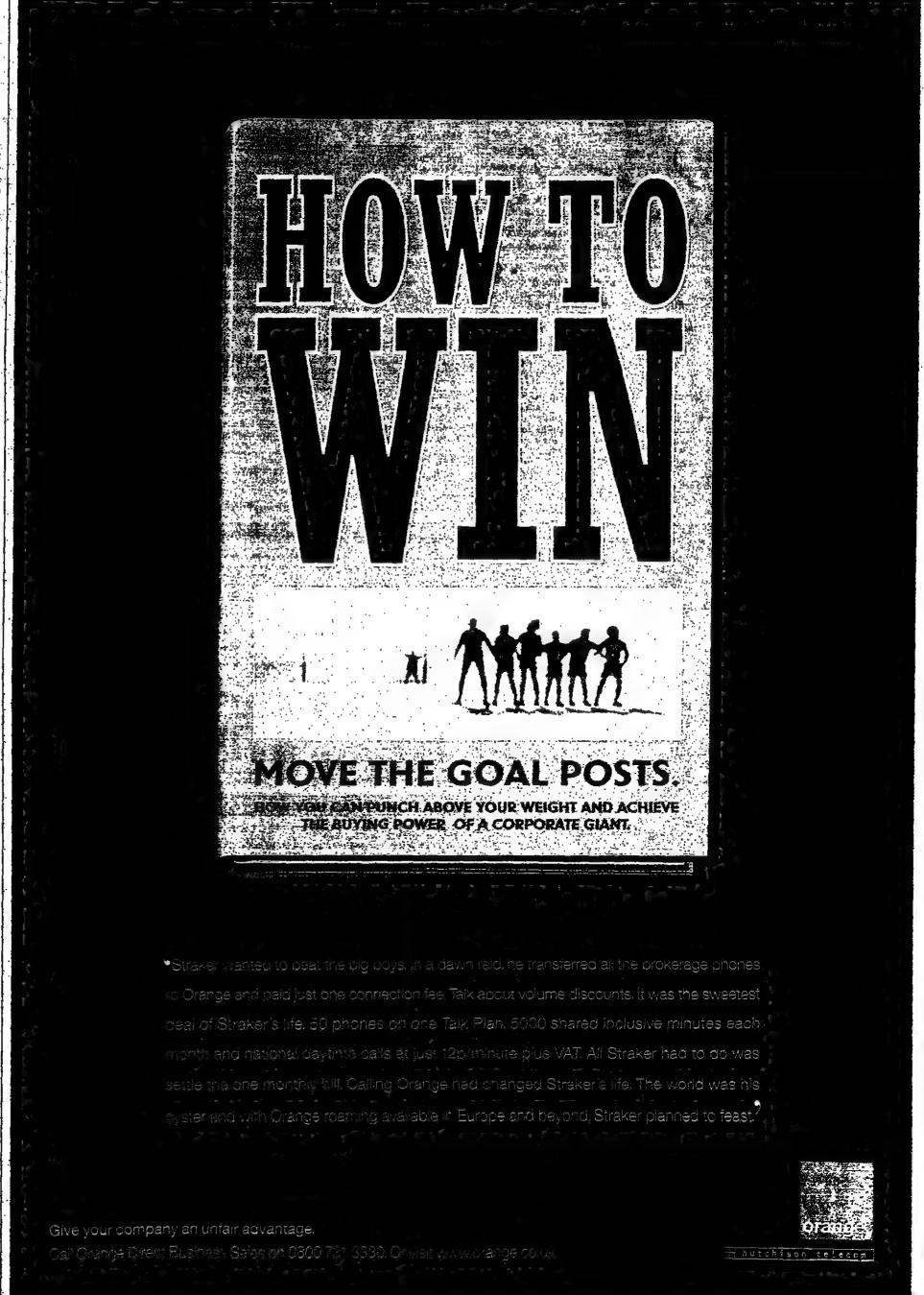
commercial speech station, is to contest the BBC's rights to exclusive radio coverage of Premiership and World Cup tootball games (Raymond Snoddy writes).

The station, controlled by CLT-UFA, the European broadcaster, wants to be able to compete with the BBC's Radio is part of Talk Radio's plans to 5 Live by broadcasting games not leasured live on Radio 5.

Paul Robinson, Talk Radio general manager, has already to broadcast Nationwide League games. The BBC raregames when Premiership teams are playing. if the BBC does not agree to

what, in effect, would be sublicensing deals Mr Robinson plans to raise the issue with Chris Smith, the Culture, Media and Sports Secretary.

The battle for football rights gradually extend its audience. The latest official listening figures for the third quarter are expected to show that the persuaded the BBC to allow it - station has increased its weekly reach from 2.3 million to close to 2.5 million.



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City traders braced for Hong Kong fallout

LOOK to the east was the call in the Square Mile yesterday as traders braced themselves for another fall in Hong Kong share prices.

The Hang Seng index. which measures the performance of leading shares, fell a further 765 points overnight to 11.637.77. That stretches the market's loss to more than 14

Hong Kong is volatile at the best of times, but traders who follow the fortunes of the former colony are worried that this week's correction could turn into a rout.

Stories in the City suggested investors could be in for further misery. A top analyst at Morgan Stanley in New York has decided to take a "zero position" in South-East that a big bank has got into

Behind it all are fears that the Hong Kong dollar's peg to the US dollar is under threat and may have to be revalued. Either that, or interest rates will have to continue rising. Other Asian currencies such as the Thai baht, Malaysian ringgit, the Filipino peso and the Indonesian rupiah have

been hit by speculators.
But a further deterioration in the Hang Seng could unset-tie London when trading resumes today. The upheavals in Hong Kong again took their toll on those companies with interests in the Far East that trade in London . HSBC fell 89p to £17.66, while Standard Chartered dropped 30p to 716p, and Cable & Wireless eased 27p to 490p. The Far East accounts for 50 per cent of HSBC's earnings and 75 per cent of that of Standard.

The rest of the market in London spent a voiatile session that saw a 132.1-point turnaround. An early 31.7 mark-up had been supported by weaker than expected retail sales for September. But an opening fall by the Dow Jones industrial average and futures-related selling sent share stage the FTSE 100 index was down 100.4 before rallying to reduce the loss to 77.1 at 5,148.8. A modest 801 million shares were traded.

The losses among leading shares were compounded by further teething troubles for Sets, the new computerised trading system. Dealers complained of price volatility exacerbated by low liquidity levels



Kate Beckinsale, who stars in the movie Shooting Fish,

At one point, there was a 15p spread on ICI as the price fell 62p to 9422p, with just 1.57 million shares changing

Smithkline Beecham fell 26p to 582p in the wake of third-quarter profits on Tuesday. Lehman Brothers, the US securities house, is urging clients to switch into Zeneca, 10p off at £20.20. The weak start in New York also left

Glavo Wellcome 27p off at El2.98 and Cantab Pharmaceuticals 15p at 785p.

Cookson rose lip to 36lp after third-quarter trading news. ABN Amro Hoare Govett thinks the stock is undervalued, while Dresdner Kleinwort Benson has told clients to "add" to their holdings. UBS is thought to have set a target price of 315p.

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THE subdued retail sales numbers for September came as no surprise to high street watchers. There have been clear enough indicators from the likes of Next. up 3p at 743p, and John funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, and the warm

Last week's survey from the British Retail Consortium also indicated a slowdown in windfall spending along with sales of household goods.

Falls were seen at Argos, 14p to 652p; Kingfisher, 7p

to 835p; Marks & Spencer. 2½p to 639½p; Boots, 13p to 865 p; MFI Furniture, 4p to 130p; and Courts (Furnishers), 92p to 5672p.

Nick Bubb, at Societé Générale Strauss Turnbull. come despondent. He says: September is old news and we are now in October. The month has started well with the colder weather making people focus on

new winter clothing." Burton, Marks & Spencer, Storehouse and Boots report soon. "They should all have smiles on their

from Dresdner Kleinwort

Benson, a former fan. It said almost 90 per cent of the group's profits would be wiped out within six years and could result in all British deep mines being shut. At the heart of the problem is the company's failure to renegotiate supply contracts with the power gener ators that are opting to build

gas-driven power generators.

Winehester Multimedia
was in the spotlight with a rise of 13p to 1012p. It has the worldwide sales rights for the film Shooting Fish, starring Kate Beckinsale. The film is predicted to become the second biggest hit of the year at the box office after The Full

only last week

Protean rose 39p to 238p on EIOS million.

The recommended offer from Photobition Group lifted Novo, hp to 51 hp. It values Novo at 52p a share, or £28.2 million. Photobition closed 22½ p better at 802½ p. GILT-EDGED: Bond

prices received an unexpected poost from a subdued set of September retail sales that appeared to take some pressure off a rise in base rates. But they were unable to consolidate their positions and came off with weaker European bond markets to close near their low of the day.

84,000 contracts were completed. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 stood at £114%, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 finished all square at £103116.

NEW YORK: The Dow Jones industrial average weakened to 7,994.87, down 65.57 points, by midday as Boeing, with its forecast of a

third-quarter loss, hit turbu-

the boil having recently hit a new high of 268p. The price ended 72p lower at 2562p

after presentations in the US. RJB Mining experienced something of a dead cat bounce, with the price rallying Il p at 195p. On Tuesday, the shares lost 23.5 per cent of their value to close at a new low after a damning report

The slide continues at TI Group, with the price falling 14p to 594p, after 500p, compared with a peak of 690 p

news of a bid approach from Culligan Water Technologies. The terms are worth 240p a share, valuing the company at

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That leaves a question

mark over the value of Care

First's assets, which had a

failed to blossom.

Hong Kong dollar must believe that a Chinese Norman Lamont will soon exclaim "Oh well, that's capitalism!" and abandon the peg to the US dollar. If this sounds less than plausible, it probably is, but that does not mean that Hong Kong equity markets will not suffer a short-term pasting.

Domino theories are fine until you

discover gaps between your line of dominoes. The collapse of markets in the Far East had much to do with current-account deficits in Thailand and Malaysia being financed by hot money from the US and Europe. When the cracks in the system were exposed, the flow of funds switched direction. Hong Kong, however, is not an emerging market but rather a long-standing warehouse for mainland China, an economy that is slowing

THE currency speculators attacking the but still managing growth of 9 per cent. Hong Kong's decision to peg its currency to the US dollar in the early 1980s has given the market enormous stability, an advantage much prized by Beijing, which has poured billions into its markets. A decision to float the HK dollar would be problematic, given the renminbi's protected status. Big reserves of HK dollars thought to exist on the mainland create a prospect of a black market currency that might displace the renminbi.

Beijing will do a lot to avoid the embarrassing sight of the tail wagging the dog and interest rates in Hong Kong could be allowed to soar temporarily, causing anguish among the property companies that account for 40 per cent of the market. Short-term Hong Kong shares could fall further but that opens an opportunity for bargain hunters.

net book value of 140p per

share in the last balance

sheet. With management in disarray and confusion over

Care First's strategy, it would be astonishing if a bidder

chose to pay an inflated price for a portfolio of nursing

homes. The price rise may

offer some investors a less

painful exit, and they should

Care First

KEITH BRADSHAW, chairman of Care First, faces bid talks with few bargaining chips. Only three weeks ago, he decided to shrink the company, buying back £7 However, he is used to shareholder ire, having knocked out Chai Patel, the institution's favourite in a boardroom buttle.

Rumours yesterday point-. ed to a buyout backed by former Care First managers, but for shareholders the chances of being rescued by an expensive bld must be slim. No one acquainted with this industry is likely to pay a high price for nursing home assets. It is precisely these assets and their high carrying value that are causing problems for Care First

Ladbroke

d other such companies Too many mursing homes

HILTON Hotel Corporation's failed \$11 billion bid for TTT gives added impetus to one of the stock market's blockbuster scenarios — that sooner or later Ladbroke will become a tasty morsel for Hilton Hotel Corporation. The less-than-convincing theory is that Steve Bollenbach, HHCs chief executive, loves the blood and sweat of a corporate battle and will not be content with

the marketing alliance signed with Ladbroke last year. However, the theory tends to ignore market forces. discussed last year ways of stitching Hilton back together as a worldwide brand the Ladbroke share price was well south of £2. Today it

If Mr Bollenbach was minded to bid he would have done so last year. In the real world, the best punters can hope for is that HHC takes up the 20 per cent stake in Ladbroke permitted under the terms of the alliance, perhaps to be followed by a hill-merger within three or

four years. A merger inevitably rules out the prospect of a bid premium, but that should not necessarily deter investors. In international terms, there is plenty of upside both in hotels and gaming, and Peter George is making a pretty good fist of converting that potential into pounds and pence. Don't check out of the ihares just yet.

Protean

shares in Protean were as low as 125p. After a peak of 272p in 1996, the laboratory equiphammered in September 1996, when profits collapsed at a German water purification subsidiary.

There was a mini-recovery in the spring of this year but things soon headed south-wards again amid a generally hostile atmosphere towards small companies and

The 240p-a-share agreed cash bid from Culligan, a US maker and distributor of water purification equipment. has therefore been gratefully received by at least one institutional fund manager.

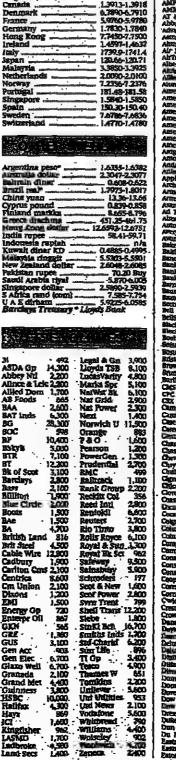
The bid values the group. which includes about 20 small companies, at about £105 million and puts it on a historic price earnings ration of 18, taking last year's post-exceptional profits of £8.7 million as a yardstick for performance.

Admittedly, this profits figmillion charge to reorganise the German operation, which is back to roughly break-even price-carnings ratio for the same period is a less sexy 16. but shareholders are not likely to worry in the slightest. There is unlikely to be another bidder on the horizon.

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fter EMU - taxes. Next month, Gordon Brown will

A month, Gordon Brown will have the chance to expound a coherent tax strategy in his "green" Budget. Understandably, the Chancellor's top tax priority those on low incomes pay the VAT. was to avoid losing the election. Niget Lawson's better idea was to over it. But that will hardly do for a sweep away tax allowances so that have been a sweep away tax allowances so that have been a sweep away tax allowances. are not good.

in the late 1970s, the most coherent new idea was to replace income tax with an expenditure tax, making net savings tax deductible. It never flew, because tax rates would have to go up and were then already sky high. It looks a better runner now, but does Mr Brown want to encourage savings per se? So long as we keep the pound, the nation's savings rate is important, but if he takes us into the euro, it does not matter.

In the 1980s, the Tories had twin strategies, linked by the desire to stop tax drowning economic incentives. A switch in the burden of tax from income to spending helped but brought an ever more malign side effect. Annual welfare spend-

Gordon Brown's next elephant trap

low rates could be levied on a wide base. Legacies include a low. corporate tax regime and much lower marginal taxes on middle and higher earnings. Reform ran out when Lord Lawson eyed pension reliefs hungrily. After the odd bite, Lady Thatcher said no.

One of Mr Brown's first acts was to scoop E5 billion a year out of pension and Pep savings to fund state consumption. Was this the start of a campaign to demolish tax breaks on savings or just a cyrical and counter-productive grab? We should soon discover.

Logically, given the Government's tax promises and spending priorities. Mr Brown's strategy should aim to tailor the tax system to minimise welfare spending. This requires subtlety. It will not

those on low incomes pay the VAT. instance, of putting up income tax. Nigel Lawson's better idea was to rates to pay for cuts in VAT.

A much higher start level for income tax would bring the biggest gains. Stopping tax and national insurance from low incomes, then handing out benefits to pay the tax. degrading for poor families and lousy for incentives.

If policies on these fronts are to be coordinated, you cannot justify-income tax on less than a forty hour week at the minimum wage. If the minimum hourly wage is £3.50, that implies a basic annual allowance of £7,280, against this year's £4.050. Allowances for a ingle-carner family with children should top £10,000.

Such reforms eat up a lot of tax. They could only be made by raising rates higher up the income scale, which Mr Brown has foresworn. The best hope is 10 per cent tax on a thin band of income, paid



is near to the 40 per cent threshold. Failing that, the tax system could help us all to build up enough funded pension rights and other savings to keep out of the state benefit net later on. That is the object of the promised stake-

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courage long-term saving by building on Peps and Tessas.

Unless leaks, hints and reports from the coalface are misleading. Mr Brown is courting trouble here. The Treasury seems bent on cutting tax incentives for the longterm saving it wishes to promote. Savers have no constitutional right to tax breaks. These have to be paid for via other taxes. But you cannot then expect people to lock up their money in schemes that are nattractive without tax breaks.

This is clearly true of pension achemes, uniess an employer funds them and guarantees the result. Few would want to tie up their money until retirement and then have to exchange it for an inflexible, perishable annuity unless contributions are deductible and returns roll up tax free. Mr Brown axed dividend benefits in

gether. Any reform of capital gains tax threatens to bring all funds into the net but relieve gains on all long-term investments.

There is already talk of restricting tax relief on contributions to the "standard" rate, however that is defined. You can see the sense of retricting tax subsidies to the wealthy. But any potential saver will reckon, on experience with interest relief and married allowances, that this would be a first step to ending relief on contributions or limiting it to Mr Brown's 10 per cent starter rate. Peter Lilley, for the Tories, wanted to axe contribution relief to finance a new funded amalgam of the basic and

state earnings-related pension. Stakeholder Pensions, Labour's Serps-plus replacement, will therefore probably be compulsory. But pensions earned will not be big enough, especially after Mr

Brown's dividend raid, for him to ignore what happens to private pensions. Over ten years, the Stakeholder Pension may well become a ceiling, not a floor, as employers close guaranteed schemes to new entrants and employees favour firms that give them cash up front.

Isas too are aimed at those on modest incomes, but would presumably not be compulsory. They seem unlikely to flourish if they offer lower tax breaks than Peps. which is already certain, and a longer lock-up period than any-thing but Tessas. Those struggling to save a small amount should sue up for years without good reason. Treasury officials should advise the Chancellor that the Pep scheme he now thinks too generous was a failure until its rules were relaxed. We shall still save, but probably save less and favour land and other enjoyable assets more. The Chancellor needs to rethink tax reform fast to match incentives to tomorrow's priorities. Another ele-

Sell-off plan propels obscure development arm into limelight

The CDC must build on its Third World success, says

> Alisdair Murray

Commonwealth Development Corporation is not used to spending time in the limelight. Tucked away in a forgotten annexe of the Foreign & Colonial Office, the CDC has spent most of its 50 years of existence quietly pursuing its mandate to supply market-based funding to business development projects in the Third World.

But Tony Blair's amouncement yesterday that it is aiming to partially privatise. CDC has radically altered the corporation's profile. CDC suddenly finds itself not only at the centre of the Government's overhaul of development policies, witten will culminate with the first Department of International Development White "Paper trial run for the much-vaunted public/private partnership

The announcement was a classic piece of Government news management. Mr Blair needed a concrete proposal toflag the Government's commitment to development ahead of this weekend's Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Edinburgh. But with almost all the details yet to be fleshed out, the proposal came as much as a surprise to CDC staff as to the mystified media, many of whom had never even heard of

CDC - and the Government — face the dilemma of how to reconcile the organisation's development ideals with its desperate need to attract private capital. Although the corporation only invests on a market-led basis. the absence of private shareholders has allowed it the luxury of ploughing money into areas where the private

At present CDC has El.6 billion invested in some 400



projects in 54 countries worldvide. Its investments range from telecoms in Kalimantan. Indonesia, and sewerage in Liberia to a cattle ranch in Vanuatu. It also supplies expertise - directly managing around 35 projects and providing support for other investors through its 25 offices worldwide: Last year, CDC made a profit of £97 million and achieved a credible 8 per cent

plus return on investments. Treasury borrowing rules: however, have prevented CDC from capitalising on its success. The organisation has been entirely self-financing for the past two years, relying on profit flow and the sale of existing investments to finance

new investments. CDC has long made no secret of its desire to be freed from this financial straitiacket. The partial privatisation on offer appears the quickest route: allowing CDC to raise new funds but preserving a Government link to prevent a watering down of its develop-

The Government's commitment at this stage is no more than to sell a majority stake in CDC, once the necessary legislation has been passed, "sometime this Parliament". It seems likely that the Government will sell down to around 40 per cent, but maintain a "golden share", which ensures that it. preserves ownership. Exactly what form the sell-off will take has yet to be decided but CDC

ensure a broad share owner-

"We are interested in long-term shareholders who want to make a long-term investment, not shareholders in for a quick privatisation killing who sell out after two years," he

CDC is keen on winning some support in particular

6 We want long-term shareholders wanting a long-term investment 9

clearly favours a stock market

Roy Reynolds, chief executive of the CDC, says: "It would be good to have small private shareholders involved. What we do not want is to be taken over by a merchant bank." He believes that the only way to preserve the organisation's "unique" character, and prevent it from quickly coming to resemble from institutes with pension funds, who are seen as potential investors. "We have a different risk and reward structure to most investment funds but a lot of pension funds will be attracted by our long-term perspective." Reynolds says. It is his view that there needs to be no contradiction between CDC's

development ideals and pri-vate backing, providing that

any of the many Chy-based the post-privatisation struc-emerging market funds, is to ture is right. He says: "We ture is right. He says: "We want to create profitable businesses that are fully sustainable. As these countries become richer, so will our

Mr Reynolds is understandably reluctant to divulge how much and what kind of private finance CDC is looking to raise when so many questions about its future structure remain unanswered. But he freely admits that CDC is aiming for a growth rate of between 10 per cent and 15 per cent a year and needs the money to back this ambition. He is also confident that the influx of private capital will help CDC to fulfil its desire to move away from loan-led investments towards building up equity stakes. At present around 75 per cent of CDC finance is tied up in loans but the aim is to reduce this to 30 per cent in the coming years. This has changed the sort

of finance we require. We have to bridge that funding gap."
Mr Reynolds says.

a profile-raising exercise in the City and is organising an investment conference for fund managers in Edinburgh tomorrow. It believes that the introduction of private shareholders will ensure that it develops the credibility necessary to raise finance more

"City interest will grow if we have private shareholders. As a long-term player in these markets we will be able to attract other investors," Mr

Reynolds says. CDC also hopes to draw in the private sector via a third route of specially designed investment funds targeted at regions without stock markets and which are desperately short of long-term capital. A £17 million fund has already been launched for the Pacific Islands and £64 million raised for investment in Sub-Saharan African. But the third, and largest fund to date, is due to be launched at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting on Saturday. CDC has provided around £35 million of seed capital for a £70 million investment fund to be

targeted at South Asia. Mr Reynolds sees these funds as an important step forward but complementary to We will invest alongside the funds and remain committed to our other projects," he says. . The risk remains that the private sector will shy away

from supporting a still public sector-controlled organisation, which invests in some of the world's most volatile countries. CDC will have to battle to sell the City the message that its strength lies in its expertise and the wide range of investment. Recent market turbulence in South East Asia has hardly helped, although CDC is quick to point out that only 20 per cent of investments are in the region. It will also need to convince the City that its long-term investment horizon — it normally aims for a duration of five to ten years can ensure that it rides out market fluctuations.

Mr Reynolds accepts that the battle is only half won. "We do not underestimate the need to keep changing," he says. But if the Government plans do finally take shape, CDC will able to celebrate its 50th anniversary next year with a new lease of life.

Youngsters feel Spurs supremo put the boot in

Chris Ayres watches as the Brown-Sugar roadshow runs straight into a sticky patch

lan Sugar should perhaps Lifully before deciding on a name for his Treasurysponsored tour of schools and colleges, launched yesterday by Gordon Brown.

The lecture series - called you can do it. too" - immedistely ran into trouble when the grisly Eastender, famous for creating the Amstrad electronics empire and chairing Premiership football club Tottenham Hostpur, told students they had as much chance of winning the lottery as they did of founding a successful business empire.

"I am perhaps a phenomenon," he explained to one star-struck teenager. "Not everyone can hope to achieve what I have. I might use the word luck, although I person-ally don't agree with it."

The unfortunate comment was made at Mr Sugar's old school, the Hackney Community College. The tycoon was let loose on the school's students after a short introduction by Mr Brown, who still looked rather pale after market earlier in the week.

The lecture was also host to one of the Treasury's newest stars: the Chancellor's bitten fingernails. They proudly modelled a new ink-splattered

look throughout the event. The urbane Scot and the unshaven football club chairman looked an unlikely pair, in spite of the natural coupling of their surnames. However, the Chancellor took time out to praise the Tottenham chairman, saying: "He is one of the most hard working, successful and public spirited businessmen that you can think of." He continued with a word of encouragement for the school's pupils. "Whether you are studying window cleaning or painting, or whether you are in film or music or sport," he said, "there are millions of opportunities for people to realise their potential talent." The egalitarian feel to the

event abruptly ended when Mr Sugar took the stage. After describing in excruciating detail how he started in business by repackaging and distributing car aerials, the tycoon was asked by an entrepreneurial student for a job. An ice-cold silence followed. Then Mr Sugar growled: "One word of advice: do not talk to the boss. Talking to the supremo is the kiss of death. Do you get the

point I am making?" He went on to complain that the press had depicted him as a rough, nasty piece of work" during his career at Amstrad.

Students also learnt that Mr Sugar's 1960 school report had said: "Alan can do better than this. He has ability, but seems afraid to use it." They also found out that he thought the single currency is inevitable and that the most important lesson he learnt in business dangerous. No mention was made of faulty disk drives or cheap personal computers.

Tinally, Mr Sugar was asked whether the Government should provide more help for start-up businesses. He replied: "It is an interesting point to see if there is any way of helping young companies, and whether the Government can do anything." He added that in his day there had been a capital allowance scheme. At that point Mr Brown

decided to return to the Treasury, leaving Mr Sugar with his ambitious understudies.

Sachs of loot

TWENTY-FOUR City high-fliers are managing director is meant to be a that little bit closer to seeing those magic six balls come up after being made managing directors of Gold-man Sachs. This newly created postis a notch below partner, but they can still expect to be millionaires before Christmas when the annual bonuses are paid. Ten of the new MDs are Brits, and five other UK nationals were elevated at Goldman offices abroad. The lucky few in London include Charles Bott in investment banking. Tim Bunting in capital markets and Michael Burton on the Goldman says: "Being made 2



signal that people are on track to make partner." But the best may be yet to come. Many expect a flotation. in the next few years, yielding partners many more millions each. And I am definitely in the wrong job.

● I FEEL a twinge of guilt. The Catholic Herald reports that the tiny Catholic Building Society has lost the services of Chris Jones, its chairman, after something I wrote. Mr Jones. as well as chairing a society that is a supporter of mutuality, is also a director of the Cairngorm Demutualisation Investment Trust which helps investors to profit from future demutualisations, an apparent conflict of interest which I highlighted. Francis Higgins, the Catholic's managing director, is quoted as confirming Mr Jones's departure. He is not returning my calls but has attacked my report as "presty vicious" and "a thinly disguised attack on the integrity of a man who is truly professional. This seems a little un-Christian, but I will turn the other cheek. Still, it rankles. Only "pretty" victous?

Talk is cheap

ED CARTER, the American marketing guru who invented Bl's "It's good to talk campaign, prefers, it seems, a firm this, a spokesman admitted:



more direct form of communication. Carter was "out of the country and unreachable" yesterday as stories cir-culated that he has been banned from BT's offices after a second incident where he used his 6ft 5in frame to make his point. Earlier this year Carter hit Jeremy Miles, the account director at Abbott Mead Vickers, BT's advertising agency. Nothing wrong with hitting an ad man, you might think; but Andrew Robertson, AMV's managing director, tells me that if one of his staffers had hit another. they would have been sacked immediately. In this case "any action will

have to be taken by BT. Now it emerges that BT is investieating an incident when Carter manhandled Stephen Burr. a BT financial controller. Though BT would not con"Our marketing strategy is discussed enthusiastically, and Ed Carter contributes in a vigorous way." Mr Carter might care to note that I am shortly departing for several months

Slipping away AS Procter & Gamble, the deeply con-

servative US soap powder group, un-veils its radical new advertising campaign, I notice that the man responsible for this is not hanging around to see what the client makes of it. P&G has been persuaded to feature the cream of new British art no, that looks wrong, make that the curdle of new British art — on ads for its Oil of Ulay cream. John Hardie, in charge of cosmetics and toiletries in Europe, has just been made ITV's marketing and commercial director -on the very day that the new ads go on display at the Institute of Contemporary Arts. Rumours that the next campaign will feature Damien Hurst on the restorative properties of formaldehyde are being staunchly denied.

• YESTERDAY was the fourth anniversary of the peace settlement be-tween Tiny Rowland and the Fayeds. I only mention this because Rowland's many court actions against Dieser Bock, the man who threw him out of Lonrho, are still chuntering through the courts, so no peace process there. Tiny was due at the High Court on Monday but cried off through illness. He is back there

apain tomorrow weekto sue Bock for £1.5 million in claimed dividends. but somehow I do not think this will

Doublespeak

HOW people forget Martin Taylor. who runs Barclays Bank and sits on the board of WH Smith, was criticised by a Smiths shareholder yesterday for the way the appointment of Richard Handover was fumbled -Taylor was in charge of the panel that recommended him. "I think it is a shame that such a meal was made of the story by the press," said Taylor. Who, of course, once worked for Reuters and the Financial Times.

MARTIN WALLER



Taylor: has forgotten his roots



Creating Business Advantage

provides: "No proceedings may be brought by a person in England

Bairstow and Others v Oucens Moat Houses ple Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord

Retrospectivity is ruled out plaintiffs; Mr Michael Burton, QC that the new regime under the 1995

In each action the defendant justified by the plaintiff's breach of

urdered by consent that the actions be tried concurrently and that evidence in each action be admissible and treated as evidence in

directions which were incorporated into the timetables for service of notices under the Civil 1996 the action was assigned to a High Court judge who gave fur-ther directions in relation to the exchange of witness statements and expert reports.

The effect of the material replacement rules was, inter alia, provide for the service of a hearsay notice and for the giving of notice of intention to attack the

hearsay statement. Rule 9 provided that rule 8 did not apply to proceedings where directions had been given or orders had been made as to the evidence where the trial or hearing had begun before January 31, 199 Section 16 of the 1995 Act which made express provision as to the

retroactive effect of the Act stated that unless the Lord Chancellor made transitional provisions in the order made by statutory instrument bringing the Act into effect, the Act was not to apply in relation to proceedings begun before its commencement. The Lord Chancellor had made

order bringing the Act into effect.

making rules, supersede the clear requirements of the Act, so that the section 16, apply to existing

ovisions of the Act and rules made under section 12 did. contrary to the clear provisions in

Solicitors: Gouldens: Allen &

ACCOUNTANCY

The shape of CGT to come Whose interests does ed appropriately, any tax would be deferred. That could

The much-feared capital gains tax needs reforms that make it simpler, not fiercer, John Whiting argues

reliefs in line with this theory. ext month may see, in a "green Budget", proreinvestment relief, rollover relief, main private residence. posals for a revised Most CGT comes from capital gains tax (CGT). Submissions from interested parties shares, with property (second homes etc) next. There is an have been invited. And while some may feel the ideal subargument that shares should mission consists of two words not be subject to a gains tax. scrap it — one suspects that what is being contemplated is a After all, the money invested has probably come from taxed income; and income produced revised tax, not an abolished one. What, then, should be by the investment will be taxed. But the argument for under consideration? The £1.3 billion that CGT raised from individuals and CGT as anti-avoidance remains and leads us to a measure that taxes short-term trusts (companies pay via corpo-

gains. Thus any quick buying ration tax) this year represents barely I per cent of the Inland and selling of shares could come into the tax net.
If this is accepted, it leads to Revenue's annual take. It is a notoriously complex tax, expensive to administer. But I accept a short-term tax that implies no indexation. Probably the that you cannot do without some form of CGT. Without it. simplest way is to count the taxpayers would try to argue "gain" as income and tax accordingly. There would be no that income they have realised is a capital gain - hence, not taxsmall gains exemption. The corollary is that there should able - rather than an incometaxable receipt. This happened in the Fifties before CGT. be relief for losses against income. That, I fear, will stick

So, in essence CGT, is antiin the Revenue's throat. Can a tax influence behaviour? It probably does, at least at the margin. So if the Government wants to encourage long-term investment, the tax system should reflect this. A simple system could be:

asset held under six months



John Whiting says CGT is not just about raising revenue

- tax as income, usually at 40 per cent:

asset held six to 24 months income tax at 20 per cent; asset held 24-plus months

no tax. There would have to be ome exemptions/reliefs for "involuntary disposals", eg. takeovers and compulsory purchase, but many other reliefs would drop away. I fear, though, that this simple stem would be seen as too drastic. Perhaps we could accept a five-year cut-off? Scrapping indexation could follow a pragmatic cut of the rates. So even if my structure above is too simple, it would be a good starting point.

There needs to be a simple reinvestment relief: if moneys from a disposal were reinvestprincipal residence, demergers. It would not cover retirement disposals and it would faiter when people moved from a large house to a smaller one when the children left home. Perhaps the princiresidence exemption should continue. But this general reinvestment relief should extend to buying a second home for letting. In any event, we need the small gains exemption in terms of proceeds, not gains.

sweep in reliefs on takeovers.

Why make people work through all the sums to see whether they qualify for a small gains exemption? Perhaps my ideas would cut

tax revenue. But does that matter, given the sum involved in the context of total tax revenues, and the potential benefit to the investing community? CGT is a tax that is feared and its top rate of 40 per cent is the highest in the EU.

radical reform to stop it becoming totally unworkable. But I fear that reforms being considered will concentrate on raising more tax from the system. That is the wrong way to proceed and runs the risk of damaging more than just the wealth of those taxpayers who pay it. It would damage the general health of UK plc.

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one-time "Big Six" clients dropping into their laps as fallout from the mega-mergers. Intent on increasing their levels of wisdom still further they are to be entertained tomorrow evening by the Or-chestra of the Age of

THE City firm of Rees Pollock.

going global serve?

IT TOOK the world's favourite airline - and KPMG was his auditor. He will tell you that you don't get much more global — to identify the paradox at the heart of the latest effort at a mega-merger among accounting firms. "I wasn't aware that they couldn't cover global business," said Derek Stevens, finance director at British Airways, on the day he heard that Ernet & Vonne his firm of heard that Ernst & Young, his firm of

auditors, was seeking a merger with KPMG. People, and particularly clients, are unfor-giving when their accountants start spouting yards of old flannel. They expect them to be businesslike. But they don't expect them to fall into all the old traps of flashy and egohave been here before. In the great swirling boom of the mid-1980s Touche Ross, as the firm then was, moved its headquarters into marble palaces above Goldman Sachs on

Fleet Street. "Why not?" was the argument. "We don't have to live in a cardboard box just to impress clients. After all we are as successful as they are." Then came the recession. Touche is no longer in such

marbled halls. So. despite the blunt words and charm from Colin Sharman, who stands to become the worldwide chairman of the combined firms of Ernst & Young and KPMG, people will be scep-tical. He is well aware of this. He spoke at a conference in the Irish Republic just after the announcement that Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand were attempting a merger. He put his finger on the embarrassment that the desperate efforts at justifying the merger was creating.
"Presumably last week they

were telling clients that they

could cope globally whereas this week they are saying they need more resources to do so", was the gist of what he said. Then added that this sort of switching of argument was "not

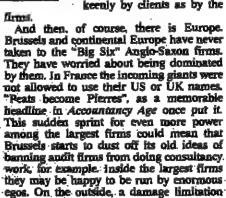
Yet on Monday he was saying precisely the same. "We have to create a truly global player," he said. But his firm's brochures have been telling us for years that this is already so. In his statement in the annual accounts last February he told us that "much that has been achieved in the past year has been achieved on an international scale".-Small wonder that Brian Birkenhead is so

forthright in his views. He is deputy chairman of the 100 Group, which represents Britain's top finance directors, and was finance director at National Power, where "a very small minority" of 100 Group finance directors believe that the global arguments are justification for the proposed mergers. The overwhelming majority of finance directors, he argues, deplore the idea of reducing the "Big Six" firms down to three or four. He talks of "severely depleted competition". He says that "international transac tions could stumble across conflicts of interest on a regular basis". And crucially he argues that "there are advantages in global reach for an audit firm, but for other services like consultancy or corporate finance, for example, there is no need for global reach".

As Derek Stevens put it: "I'm not convinced ... It is more about protecting themselves than improving their services." This is the argument that the large firms have to address. When you have the sort of concentration of clients that they would have postmergers, then trying to make any of them feel special, or particularly loyal, will be difficult.

Take Coca-Cola and Pepsi, for example. Once upon a time Coca Cola was audited by Ernst & Whinney and Pepsi by Arthur Young. Then the two firms merged in 1989 and one of the drinks giants had to move on. Pepsi moved to KPMG. So now the same problem is tikely to repeat itself. Large multinational dients do not take kindly to such nonsense.

Such moves are going to multiply. The two merged firms so far mooted audit 88 of the FTSE 100 companies. Ernst & Young and KPMG between them audit 17 of the top 25 US banks. The pain and grief of a merger process is going to be felt just as keenly by clients as by the



TANY OTHER BUSINESS

ing your administrative office reasons will undoubtedly re-ceive short shrift from Sharman, which, as his fellow

Aloof Andersen ARTHUR ANDERSEN still stands aloof from all this merger-mania among the noted City law firm of Sim-firms. It contents itself with re-mons & Simmons, a one-time

New tune

ing at the prospect of so many

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Parallel actions barred

in respect of which judgment has been given in his layour in proceedings between the same parties, or their privies ... in a court of an overseas country. . . Mr Timothy Charlton, QC and Mr Alan Roxburgh for the Indian Government: Mr Kenneth Rokison, QC, Mr Jeffrey Gruder, QC and Mr Daniel Jowell for the

LORD STEYN said that in June 1987 the Indian Grace had loaded a cargo of munitions in Sweden for carriage to Cochin and delivery to the Indian Government. A few days later a fire had occurred in No 3 hold and was extinguished with water. Some cargo had been

The Indian Government had notified two separate claims to the shipowners, one for the total loss of damage, the other a small claim for short delivery in respect of the

cargo jettisoned. On September 1, 1988 they had issued a plaint in the subordinate judge's court in Cochin in respect of the latter claim. In December 1989 judgment had been given in their favour in rupees to a sterling equivalent of £7,200. An appeal

writ in rem in the Admiralty Court in England. It had been served on the Indian Endurance, a sister shir

was still pending.
On August 25, 1989, before judgment in the Cochin action, the Indian Government had issued a

had agreed to the application of English law and the shipowners had submitted to the jurisdiction The statement of claim had been in respect of damage to all the cargo in No 3 hold. The sterling equivalent was £2.5 million.

The shipowners had sub-

sequently been allowed to amend their defence to rely on section 34. Following earlier proceedings (1993 AC 410: [1992] Lloyd's Rep 124), Mr Justice Clarke on pre nary issues had ruled that the shipowners were estopped convention and acquiescence from relying on section 34; that in any event the English action, being in rem. was an action against a different party from that in the Cochin action, namely the ship rather than the owners, and that the principle in Henderson v Henderson ((1843) 3 Hare 100) did not prevent the plaintifs from bringing the Admiralty proceed-ings. The Court of Appeal had come to a contrary conclusion on

all three issues. Mr Justice Clarke had conthat, although an action in persoinvolve the same cause of action.

historically they had been regarded as being between different

The "personification theory". under which in an action in rem the ship herself was regarded as the "wrongdoer", had, however.

Vascongada v SS Cristina ([1938] AC 485) the House of Lords had rejected it and adopted the view that in an action in rem the owners were the defendants. The reality was supported by the sovereign immunity cases; see also The August 8 ([1982] 2 AC 450, 456) and

The Deichland [1990] I QB 361). The present case was not con-cerned with maritime liens, a separate and complex subject. The rationale of the bar against proceedings caught by section 34 of the 1982 Act was that it was unjust

to permit the same issue to be litigated afresh between the same parties. It would therefore be wrong to permit an action in rem to proceed despite a foreign judg-ment in personam obtained on the

The analysis of Mr Justice Hobbouse in The Nordglimi (1988) QB 183) could no longer be

supported.

The plainth's had argued that the Admiralty action had merely been continued, not "brought" within the meaning of section 34. after the judgment in the Cochin proceedings, but where proceed ings were continued one could quite naturally describe them as brought. The Court of Appeal had been entitled to conclude that no estoppel by convention or acquies cence was established.

Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Hoffmann, Lord Cooke and Lord Solicitors: Chyde & Co; Ince & and Industry v Baker and

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vicejudgment October 1

not claim legal professional privi-lege for it by asserting that the document's dominant purpose was

Mr Tockey sought an order pursuant to Order 24, rule 11 of the inspection, inter alia, a report dated July 5, 1995 prepared by the administrators of Barings and its

subsidianies. Miss Elizabeth Gloster, QC, Mr A. W. H. Charles and Mr Edmund Nourse for the secretary of state;

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR trators pursuant to their

report dated July 5, 1995 and mitted it to the Department of Under section 7(1) the secretary of state had to decide whether it

Lien on policy not

Eide UK Ltd v Lowndes Lambert Group Ltd

of the Marine Insurance Act 1906 meant a lien only on the policy itself, not on the proceeds of the policy. Section 53(2) was not in-tended to give an insurance broker moneys collected on behalf of one person for the debts of another.

on an application for summar judgment under Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court. The first plaintiffs, the owners of the vessel Sun Tender which was mortgaged to the second plaintiff bank, were entitled to payment by

paid by underwriters, who were

settlement of the plaintiffs' insurance claim. The brokers failed to establish a right to a general lien under section 53(2) of the 1906 Act over the proceeds of the claim for the indebtedness of a co-assured.

HIS LORDSHIP said that a lien at common law was a right of one. -person to retain possession of goods of another until a claim had

There was no indication in the

which, on authority, legal proional privilege attached

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be made against the former direc-The reason for extending privi-It was naturally to be expected that in considering whether or not lege to that class of documen that they could not be produced to commence disqualification proceedings he would pay careful attention to the contents of any without showing what was the view of the legal professional adviser as to his client's case or the advice which he had given him regarding the conduct of the case

The statutory intention in requiring a section 7(3) report to be the client's prospects. made was to place the secretary of state in possession of the facts and There was no general privilege that attached to documents brought into existence for the opinions necessary to enable him to decide whether disqualification purposes of litigation independent of the need to keep inviolate proceedings should be commenced communications between client and legal adviser. If documents for The secretary of state had been ordered to give discovery of various documents but had objected to which privilege was sought did not relate in some fashion to commun-

ving discovery of the adminications between client and legal istrators' report on the ground that it was privileged since in came into existence after litigation was contemplated and was to be used for the dominant purpose of obtaining legal advice or assisting in the conduct of the litigation. adviser, there was no element of public interest that could override the ordinary rights of discovery. Miss Gloster argued that mod-em authorities established the principle that every document was protected by legal professional privilege if it had been brought into existence for the dominant purpose of use in lingation. in the conduct of the litigation. The justification for legal professional privilege was that a man should be able to consult his lawyer in confidence since otherwhether for use as evidence or use wise he might hold back half the truth. But that was not in point in as part of the material on which

the present case. The report did not in any sense represent legal advice given to the secretary of state. It was not remotely arguable that its immu-nity from disclosure was necessary in order to protect the inviolability of communications between him

section 7(3) report.

and, if so, against whom.

and his lawvers. However, Miss Gloster argued that our of legal professional privilege there had grown a subspecies, sometimes referred to as litigation privilege, which protected from compulsory disclosure any document brought into existence for the purpose of litigation, actual contemplated or simply prospective.

documents brought into existence for the purposes of litigation might

Waugh v British Railways Board (1980) AC 521) established that legal professional privilege could not be claimed for a document unless the sole or domina brought into existence was that it should be used for the purpose of obtaining legal advice or being used by lawyers in possible or probable litigation. But none of the speeches in that case divorced legal

professional privilege from its

storical connection with and

the decision whether to commence

or to defend proceedings would be

taken, and whether or not disclosure of it might impinge upon the inviolability of lawyer/client

dependence upon the principle that communications between an individual and his lawyers should be immune from compulsory

Waugh did not in any way extend the scope of hispation privilege; on the contrary, it limited it. It did so by establishing that it was not enough that a document had been expensed. had been prepared for the purpose of being placed before lawyers for advice, the purpose had to be at least the dominant one.

The continuing importance of the inviolability of client/lawyer communications as the principle underlying litigation privilege was demonstrated by dicta in Ventouris v Mountain (1991)

In re Highgrade Traders Ltd (1984) BCLC 151), on the other hand, marked a development under which the dominant purpose test appeared to become a free-standing criterion which, if satisfied, would entitle the document to privilege regardless of whether its production might im-

lawyer/client communications

ing whether or not to commence malification proceedings. Further, Parliament must have expected that in reaching his decision the secretary of state before his legal advisers in order

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ould be made of the reports.

not being considered The question whether those statutory reports were privileged depended, in his Lordship's judg-

In the absence of any public

Correction

whether its production might im. In Tracey v Crosville Wales Ltd. plage upon the inviolability of (The Times October 20) junior learner-foliant

the firm it was a certainty. He loves the place. He spent his formative years as a partner there, including six years in charge of The Hague office. Anyone suggesting that hav-**House of Lords**

up, intends to be based in

Amsterdam, With Colin "The

Bruiser" Sharman due to be-

come worldwide chairman of

Republic of India and Another v India Steamship Co Ltd (Indian Endurance and Indian Grace) (No 2) Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson. Lord Steyn, Lord Hoffmann, Lord Cooke of Thorndon and Lord Hope of Craighead |Speeches October Itil An action in rem against a ship was in reality an action against the

owners of the ship and where an action in rem had been begun in England while proceedings were pending in an action in personam against the shipowners in Cochin, judgment not yet having been obtained, the action in rem was brought ... between the same parties, or their privies" within section 34 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 and was,

subject to estoppel, barred.
The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the plaintiffs, the Republic of India and the Government of India (Ministry of Deon board the Indian Grace, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Auld) (The Times May 1, 1996; [1996] Z Lloyd's Rep 12), who had allowed an appeal by the defendant ship-owners, India Steamship Co Ltd. from a decision of Mr Justice Clarke (The Times June 9, 1994; [1994] 2 Lloyd's Rep 331) on Section 34 of the 1982 Act

er than as true professional services firms, like Andersen. But it, too, is thinking of merg-

in The Netherlands might have something to do with tax partners know, is not a pleas-

marks about how it all shows that the other firms want to stav as mere accountants rathers, or so the rumours run in the legal alleyways of the City of London. Having recently joined up with Dundas and Wilson, Scotland's premier law firm. Andersen is mooted

to be poised to scoop up the

affiliate of Spain's largest law firm. Garrigues, itself now part of the Andersen empire.

MEANWHILE, Grant Thornton International, auditors to KPMG and the leader of the pack when it comes to medium-sized firms, has been having its international partners' conference in London this week. The partners are smil-

itself the product of exiles from the last Ernst & Young merg-er, is celebrating that it had anticipated the latest mega-merger. It poached a KPMGpartner more than a year ago.

exercise is urgently needed.

Chancery Division

No privilege for statutory report

Guinness Peat Properties Ltd v Fitzroy Robinson (1987) 1 WLR Both decisions were in the Court of Appeal and binding on his Lordship, but he found it difficult to identify the public interest that would satisfy the test proposed by Lord Justice Bingham in Ventouris v Mountain (at p612): "Disclosure being generally regarded as bene-ficial, any exception has to be

justified as serving the public interest which gives rise to the However, neither of the authorities involved a statutory report. maker of the document in question had a choice as to whether or not to bring the documents into exis tence, or to procure them to be

brought into existence.

But in the case of a statutory report the maker had no choice. He was obliged by law to make the report. The report was not pro-Cured by anyone.

The only relevant purpose was a Matutory purpose. The obvious statutory purpose underlying sec-

tion 7(3) was that the report be made available to the secretary of state for the purpose of his decid-

But his Lordship did not accept that the question whether section 7(3) reports, or section 7(4) information were to be protected by legal professional privilege was be determined by reference to the purposes of the administrators who made the reports or by their expectations as to the use that

Nor did he accept that the question whether statutory reports were protected by legal pro-fessional privilege could be an-swered by reference to the "dominant purpose" dicta expressed in cases in which statutory reports were not in point and were

ment, on whether there was a public interest requiring protection from disclosure to be afforded to those reports that was sufficient to override the administration of stice reasons that were reflected in the discovery rights given to

interest immunity claim he held that there was not. He held that the report was not covered by legal professional privilege and be produced for inspection. ofessional privilege and had to Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor: Stephenson Harwood.

counsel for Crosville was Mr Paul

Justice Pill and Lord Justice [Judgment August 7] The Supreme Court Rule Committee could not by rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment) Order (SI 1996 No 3219) make provisions applying to proceedings begun before the commencement of the Civil Evidence Act 1995, when that would have the effect of amending or repealing section 16 of the Act where Parliament had expressly stated that the Act was not to apply to such proceedings unless specific provision was made by the Lord Chancellor when bringing the Act

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing appeals by the plaintiffs, John Bairstow, Martin Alan Marcus, David Michael Hersey and Allan William Porter, from Mr Justice Nelson who declared un June 27, 1997 that the Act which was brought into force on January 31, 1997 by the Civil Evidence Act 1995 (Commencement No I) Order (SI 1996 No 3217), applied to an action for wrongful dismissal commenced in 1993 by the plaintiffs against the defendant, Queens Most Houses plc.

Mr Charles Purle, QC, for the

and Mr Paul Downes for the Act applied. defendant. LORD JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that the 1995 Act abolished the restrictions on the admissibility of hearsay evidence in English civil proceedings. The question raised in the appeal was to what extent, if at all, the Act applied to proceedings commenced before January

In May 1995 Master Eyre

each other action. The master also gave other

In February 1997 the defendant's solicitors stating that they did not propose to serve notice under the

Rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment) Order 1990, which was made on December 19, 1996 by the Supreme Rule Committee of which the Lord Chancellor was a member, set out a number of rules to be substituted for Order 38, rules 20 to 34 of the Rules of the Supreme Court which were procedural rules giving effect

credibility of the maker of a

The question then arose whether the Supreme Court Rule Com-mittee had any jurisdiction to confer upon the Act retroactive It was not legitimate to equate the acts of the Lord Chancellor

with the acts of the Rule Com-

mittee of which he was a member.

His Lordship concluded that the

judge was in error to declare that the 1995 Act applied to the actions. Lord Justice Pill gave a concur-LORD JUSTICE BELDAM, also concurring, said that it was for the Lord Chancellor to make an order under section 16(2) when

bringing the Act into force, if the

provisions of the Act were to apply

at all to existing proceedings. The effect of rules made by the Supreme Court Rule Committee to amend or repeal a statutory provision relating to practice or procedure applied only so far as necessary in consequence of pro-The committee could not, by

proceedings.

was expedient in the public interest that disqualification orders should

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for use in litigation. Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on a summons for discovery Marmaduke Lane Tuckey, the ninth respondent in disqualification proceedings brought by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry against Ronald Allwyn Baker and nine other former

directors of Barings Bank plc and various of its subsidiary com-panies which were now in administration. Rules of the Supreme Court that the secretary of state produce for

Mr Michael Briggs, QC and Mr Mathew Collings for Mr Tuckey. said that after the collapse of Barings Bank on February 22, 1995 it was out into administration. The statutory duty under section 7(3) of the Company Directors Dis-qualification Act 1986 prepared a

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Mr Justice Toulson so held in the com musting. Queen's Bench Division on July 24

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Viglen's sales slip. to £101m

Viglen, the computer manufacturer demerged from Amstrad in August has reported a fall in sales from £106 million to £101 million, in the year to June 30, with pre-tax profits un-changed at £11 million.

The company said sales volumes had risen, but lower average selling prices had reduced sales revenue. It added that price pressure on its MMX processor had intensified because of the pending release of the new Pentium II processor and a shortage of the original Pentium processors.

Viglen said: "We hope to maintain our recent increase in market share and will focus on broadening our customer base thus increasing volume in order to compensate for any further reduction in

Tony Dean is to resign as finance director and be succeeded by Mike Ray. There is no dividend. The first will be an interim for the period to December. 3L 1997.

Bid for Novo

Photobition, the printer, has made an agreed bid for Novo. the business support services group, which values it at £28.2 million. Photobition is offering one of its shares. for every 15 Novo shares and a full cash alternative of 50p per Novo share. Photobition said that its sales for the current year's first two months were up 24 per cent on the previous corresponding period.

Photobition's shares rose 30p to 310p. Novo's rose 12p to 5112p. Photobition says it has acceptances for 76 per cent of Novo and intends to raise £3 million through a private placing.

Q does deals

Q Group, the educational multimedia publisher, yes-terday said that it had lined up deals with leading distributors in Beazil, Italy, Spain, Mahysia and Taiwan at the Frankfurt Book Fair. Q Group almost doubled sales in the half year to June 30, from £414,000 to £796,000. The pre-tax loss was cut from £773.000 to £244.000. 6.7p to 1.7p. No interim dividend will be paid.

Lady fitter

Lady in Leisure, the wom-en's health clob chain that joined the Alternative Investment Market this year, made pre-tax profits of £41,000 in the year to July 31, against pre-tax losses of £166,000. Turnover rose 53 per cent, to \$26 million. Earnings per share were 1.5p (12.6p loss). No dividend is payable.

Protean agrees to cash offer of £102m from US group

PROTEAN, the laboratory equipment group, has agreed to a £102 million cash bid from Culligan of the US, valuing. the shares at 240p each. Protean, which is based in-

High Wycombe and employs about 1,250, said that it was in talks with a potential buyer, last month. The shares rose from 199p yesterday morning

to close at 238p.
Culligan, which was spun
off from Samsonite Corp in 1995, makes, sells and services water purification equipment. It wants Protean's water

purification activities which serve laboratories in science, medicine and industry - to fill a gap in its European activities, which are geared to consumer and large-scale industrial markets. It said Culligan's operations would also give a boost to Protean's water purification sales in the US.

Ken Wellings, of Culligan, said Protean's other lab equip-ment businesses — which include electric furnaces and freeze-driers — are well-run

Culligan, which has a market capitalisation of about \$1.1 billion on the New York Stock Exchange and is being advised by Lazard Brothers on the deal, would not rule out

Ken Wellings, left, and Geoff Spink settled on a valuation of Protean shares at 240p shareholders are largely very Culligan already has a 3 per cent stake in Protean, which is advised by Close Brothers,

and the deal values the UK company at £105 million. Geoff Spink, managing di-rector of Protean, said: "Our the company. Protean share-

oposing to them." Culligan has commitments to sell from the Protean directors, who own 0.8 per cent of

receive a 2p per share interim dividend under the offer.

Protean made a profit of £8.7 million in the year to March 31, 1997, a drop of nearly £1.6 million from the previous year. The fall was the result of the £1.3 million cost of reorganising the German DWA subsidiary, where prof-

its had collapsed.

Mr Spink said DWA, which makes water purifiers used in kidney dialysis, is now operating roughly at break-even but said it would be 18 months or so before the company recovered fully: "It's going to take a long time."

Protean's share price has been at a low level in 1997, one of many small engineering companies with significant export exposure to suffer from market pessimism. In 1996, it had reached a high of 272p but was trading at 135p before the announcement of bid talks on September 18.

Mr Spink said that there had not been any pressure from institutional investors who include Scottish Widows, Standard Life and Gartmore

Stakis chief sets deadline for casino division

By DOMINIC WALSH

DAVID MICHELS, chief executive of Stakis, the hotel and casino operator based in Glasgow, has given himself a year to prove that the troubled casino division can be turned around.

Yesterday, a fourth-quarter trading update showed that while attendances are rising the spend per head is still below last year's levels, dropping from E124 to E108 in the year to September 28.

This year's performance will be hit by redundancy costs of about £750,000, with a similar amount being spent on staff retraining.

Mr Michels said that the agement team had been accompanied by changes to "everything that can possibly be changed" over the past 18 months. "We're now ready to ace the music over whether what we've done is clever or

stupid," he said. Asked how long he had given himself to prove the strategy could work, he replied: "This year, no longer.

The clock started three weeks Mr Michels said he was confident the strategy would work, but if it should fail there is unlikely to be a shortage of buyers. Last year there was speculation that both Ladbroke and London Clubs had approached Stakis over the business, which has a book value of about £100 million.

Meanwhile, the acquisition a year ago of Metropole Hotels is proving a shrewd move, helping the hotels divi-sion to push the average room rate for the year up from £50.75 to £56.38, on occupancy

slightly bette. at 73.8 per cent. Mr Michels said that trading in the fourth quarter had proved particularly buoyant, with the 750-bedroom London Metropole reporting a staggering occupancy of 96.88 per cent over that period at an average rate of £79.59. In January the board is expected to give the go-ahead to plans for a 400-bedroom extension at the hotel, costing about £80

Candover in buyout link with French

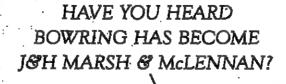
By GEORGE SIVELL

CANDOVER, the company buyout specialist, has set up a new joint venture company in France with Chevrillon Philippe, the financial boutique. The joint venture, Chevrillian Philippe Candover, will work on buyouts of Fr300 million (£30.7 million) or more. This year the two firms made

an investment in the Fr300 million MC International buyout of the French refrigeration company. Prior to that Candover's involvement in the French private equity market. was by way of an investment in funds managed by Ciclad Investissements, a private equity house that concentrates on development capital and smaller management buyouts.

Chevrillon Philippe was set up in 1992 specialising in mer-gers and acquisitions. It now has Fr4 billion under manage ment Stephen Curran, chief executive of Candover, said: This joint venture, together with our German joint venture, LGC Candover, gives us a presence in the two most active buyout markets in continental Europe."

Cyrille Chevrillon, manage ing partner of Chevrillon Philippe, said: The corporate restructuring programmes being undertaken by both local and foreign companies following the recession will drive investment activity in the French marketplace over the next five years. The establishment of CPC is timely."



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Merger to create Australia's largest fund manager

TWO of Australia's biggest financial services groups, Lend Lease Corp and National Mutual Holdings are in talks to merge their insurance and

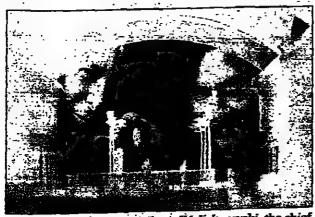
fund management operations. Lend Lease is currently Blue Circle to build the £600 million Bluewater retail development in Kent. It will be one of the largest retail developments in Europe and is due for completion in March 1999.

The combined group would have funds under management of about A\$50 billion (£22. billion), overtaking Australian Mutual Provident Society as Australia's largest fund manager. The merged group would also create a competitor to Australia's four leading banks if, as expected, it branched out into banking and other finan-Stuart Homery, chairman of

Lend Lease, and Dean Wills, the National Mutual chairman, said they were discussing a merger of their funds Australia and New Zealand.

The two groups did not detail how a merger would be structured and said that they would not comment further nintil regulators had been consulted and due diligence The stock market welcomed

the prospect of such a merger. saying it could give Lend Lease access to a huge pool of funds now being managed in the region under the banner of both National Mutual and its French parent Axa-UAP. which owns 51 per cent of the company. Lend Lease shares surged to close at A\$33.32, up A\$2.72. National Mutual shares ended just four cents



Stuart Hornery, left, with Peter Walicknowski, the chief executive of Lend Lease Europe, with a Bluewater model

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n its 42-year existence the Cork Film Festival has grown into a many-headed affair

where you keep running into

people who seem to have been anending a different festival. Bigbudget features such as Crash

which was banned from general

release in Ireland) co-exist with experimental video work and a

retrospective focus on the Canadian film-maker, Mike Hoolboom.

Crash's reputation led to such a

demand for tickets that an extra

screening quickly sold out. Mean-

while, Hoolboom was genially

introducing his films - more

challenging, more transgressive, and considerably more explicit—to

disappointingly small crowds in the Triskel Arts Centre. Somebody

should have come up with the idea

David Fourier's Majorettes in

Space – a surreal six-minute film

from France - won the prize for

Best International Short (only shorts are eligible for prizes at

Cork). Londoner John Smith won the prize for Best European Short

with Blight, about the building of

London's Mil link road. Other

winners included Kevin Liddy's A Soldier's Song — a half-hour piece dealing with life in the Irish Army

- and Paul Mercier's Before I

Sleep. But the most memorable

short - winning both a jury award

and an audience poll - was Flying Saucer Rockn'Roll, directed by

of banning him.

Sex and

glitz and

rock'n'roll

At the Cork Film Festival Gerry McCarthy is bemused by the variety on offer, from

home-grown shorts to international features

Hughes appeared from nowhere last year with Eliminator, a zombie

movie set in South Armagh. Deeply immersed in a trash aesthetic, he

has now produced a perfect B-movie pastiche, and the best card-

board flying saucers since Plan

Nine from Outer Space. The year is

1958, the kids are jiving and grooving at the youth club, mutant aliens are everywhere, and only

half-deaf, half-daft Ardal O'Han-

lon - Dougal in Father Ted - can

save the planet and win his girl

back before her brain gets eaten

Underlying all this is a profound

truth: if you want to save the world

by blowing up an alien spacecraft with a fertiliser bomb, don't do it in Northern Ireland. Your motives

The Picture of Dorian Gray, arrived by limo for the screening of Wilde. Afterwards, he

pronounced himself delighted by

Stephen Fry's interpretation, de-

spite feeling that he was "insuffi-

ciently ravaged" at the end. He

stayed on for Separation Anxiety.

one of two Irish features premiered.

Written by Shelagh Harcourt, who

also plays the part of an American

writer in Dublin, the film is an off-

kilter view of sexual mores in post-

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Box office hitman: Paddy Breathnach's I Went Down is a clever and fast-moving Irish gangster caper that for once features neither terrorists nor drug barons in its plot

this is changing. Separation Anxiety is an accessible comedy which takes a grown-up, slightly patronis-ing look at male infantilism. The other new film, Alan Gilsenan's All Souls Day, is utterly different. Shot in experimental style by an estab-lished documentarist, it is a superbly emotive probe into memory. sexuality, sanity, and faith.

films shown here also figure in the London Festival, which opens next month: Wim Wenders's The End of Violence, Roberto Bangura's The Girl with Brains in her Feet, and Shall We Dance? from Japan. The American film Love and Death on Long Island features a superb performance by John Hurt.

Ang Lee's The Ice Storm gives us

nervously wife-swapping while Nixon implodes on television. Meanwhile, the kids are growing up weird. But despite strong performances from Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver, its denouement - where sexual activity is punished by tragedy

I Went Down, already No I at the

of the festival's education programme opens in Britain in Janubut no pretensions. Brendar Gleeson and Peter McDonald star as a mismatched pair of inept criminals, sent to Cork by a Dublin gangster to kidnap one of his enemies. Directed by Paddy

crime caper movie, mercifully free

of baggage. Unlike many previous Irish films, which have got bogged down in attempts to mix action with social-conscience, I Went Down concentrates on the plot. Terrorists and drug barons are happily

Ireland's little Italy

the Wexford Festival. with one of the season's three long-forgotten operas proving more deserving than the others, but none qualifying for a place in the repertory. These rarities re-main the festival's raison d'être, but it is impossible not to notice a shift in the way Luigi Ferrari is running the show. Though he may be right to steer it away from its homespun past, creeping Italianisation is threatening to desuroy the spirit of this

uniquely Irish venture. But only die hard festivalgoers will not welcome the news that expansion is in the pipeline. The festival has secured property adjacent to the Theatre Royal which will effectively double its site. Plans for early next century include an upgrading of backstage facilities and an improvement to the notori-

ously cramped auditorium.
Only in a revelatory performance can one forget the uncomfortable seating, and that happened last weekend in Alexander Dargomizhsky's Rusaika. Based on Pushkin's version of the tale in which a wronged maiden becomes a vengeful waternymph, this important work shows how the composer (1813-1869) was picking up where Glinka left off in the quest to create a Russian national operatic style. The lively, folk-influenced score is full of memorable tunes, and Paul Magi conducted it with authority.

Igor Nezny's versatile set, dominated by a water-wheel, should have proved a good frame, but Dmitry Bert-man's staging had more than a whilf of amateur

One hit, two misses: that is

John Allison's verdict on the

Wexford Festival of rare opera

"concepts" are hopelessly dated by Western standards: here the sinister masked character who stalked the stage was more an irritation than a figure of fate.

At least the cast is firstrate, led by the focused bass Maxim Mikhailov in the Chaliapin role of the miller who loses his mind. Anna Maria Chiuri has just the right idiomatic edge to her soprano for the title role, Annie Vavrille displays a burnished mezzo as the Princess, and Alessandro Salina is a mellifluous tenor Prince. Saverio Mercadante (1795-

1870) was also a groundbreaking composer, and there are moments in Elena da Feltre that anticipate Verdi. But there is much that is unerly conventional. Elena ends abruptly with a weak Mad Scene, but in the pit Maurizio Benini made the score as dramatic as

Sonja Frisell's efficient production on a mostly bare stage (save for Marouan Dib's drawbridges) evokes little of how the doubly duped Elena loses both her father and her lover, but the strong protagonists make one care. Monica Colonna is outstanding in the title role, a shining soprano capable of beautifully scaled-down pianissimos, and the bass-bari-

tone Nicola Ulivieri as her beloved Guido offers wellsculpted singing. The de-manding role of his rival Ubaldo is taken well but without much subtlety by the enor Cesare Catani.

Neither "academic" nor came to mind by the end of Respighi's 1934 La Fiamma. After an intriguing start in which the composer evokes the setting of Byzantine Ra-venna with some exotic and antique effects, it is downhill all the way: the score is highclass tosh, and though the conductor Enrique Mazzola whipped through it he could not disguise the stretches of second-hand Puccini.

n the title role, the extraordinarily rich-voiced but still uneven soprano Ebnira Magomedova varnos it up a little, but she has presence as the second wife of Basilio (the excellent bassbaritone Anatoly Lochald who falls in love with her stepson Donello (Yuri Alexeyev, a promising tenor) and is accused of witchcraft. Two other singers, Daniela Barcellona and Giuseppina Piunti, deserve mention.

There is perhaps little a production team can do with this tale of superstition, just and retribution, but Franco Ripa di Meana and his designers do not do it. Edoardo Sanchi's set has some attractive turquoise mosaic detail, but it opens far too often to reveal scenes that should have been offstage, and there is also a dentist's chair that becomes an unexplained visual leitmotif. Wexford will need better directors to bring off Zandonai (Cavalieri Ekebul, Gomes's Fosca and Haas's Sarlatan next year.

Cheek by jowl with the Bard

MALLOW SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO + JULIET Fox Guild, 12, 1996

exuberant adaptation of the Bard, aimed at young audiences used to the frantic images and immediate impact of MTV. The action unfolds in Verona Beach, US, populated by warring gangsters, lurid T-shirts and mobile phones. Romeo is Leonardo DiCaprio, prone to brooding and showing off his chest. Juliet is Claire Danes, fresh and innocent as a daisy. The film is too much fun to be a tragedy, but its brazen cheek is captivating.

Available to rent.

First Independent, 12, 1996 IT IS hard to believe that there is a sizeable British audience for a film in which Whoopi Goldberg becomes the coach of a failing New York basketball team. Still, her infectious spirit and loud mouth count for something; otherwise, this comedy has little to offer except a predictable plot, sports stars who mean nothing overseas, and an awkward performance by a miscast Frank Langella as the team's mercenary manager. Available to rent.

FROM THE POLE
TO THE EQUATOR
Academy, PG, 1986
SENSIBILITIES are tested by this avant-garde venture from Yervant Gianikian and Angela Ricci Lucchi. For material they draw on silent explora-tion footage shot all over the world by an Italian pioneer. They do not leave things be: they deconstruct images by playing with the speed and

THE director of Strictly Ball- editing, and swath the soundroom, Baz Luhrmann, storms track with New Age droning. Hollywood's gates with this - Some moments tickle the fancy; but the film never extends beyond a lengthy exercise.

> RISS ME STUPID Warner, U. 1964

BILLY WILDER's acid tale about a philandering singer's overnight stay in Climax. Nevada, should have had the polished bawdiness of a Restoration comedy. It lacks the required energy, though much of the dialogue is terrific, and it's hard to resist Dean Martin's self-parody, or Kim Novak's warm performance as the leading light of the Belly Button saloon. Ray Walston replaced. Peter Sellers, who suffered a heart attack after six weeks of shooting. Other Wilder films newly available include Avanti! and One, Two.

MARTHA Connoisseur, 15, 1974

SHOT for German television, and lost in limbo for years, Rainer Werner Fassbinder's tale of marital hell provides hypnotic viewing. The material is American (a late short story by Cornell Woolrich), and so are Fassbinder's refer ence points (heated Holly-wood melodramas of the 1940s and 1950s). But the film's glacial lushness is Fassbinder's own, and he moves his characters around - the fearful wife, the oppressive husband - with amusement and precision. The cast indudes Margit Carstensen and Karlheinz Böhm (aka Carl Boehm from Peeping Tom).

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Scrub the politics and cut to the chase

NEW MOYIES: Even George Clooney cannot stop The Peacemaker being a bit of a dud, says Geoff Brown

wo trans collide somewhere in Rus-sia's Ura mountains detonating a nuclear warhead. A mustroom cloud some into the skyand fills the screen with swiring fall-out. Slowly but surely the toxic image metamorthoses into turbulent water, coursed in a swimming pool by the graceful limbs of Nicde Kidman. Such outrageous originations are part and pacer of The Peacemaker, a by blustery, schizophrenic thrifer.

Part of it wants to send the sudience on a fairmound ride.

audience on a fairground ride: a car chase here, helicopter raid there, blood and bullets everywhere, with valiant Americans saving the world from ruin. Another part aims to furrow our broy and make us weep over Russi 's instability the Balkans agmy, and all the sore points if Eastern Europe: Russians come dressed in authentic army uniforms, on loan from the Ministry of Defend Kidman is dressed by Calvin Klein.

If this were any ordinary

Hollywood product the film's muddle would be of little significance - But this is the first product from Dream-Works, the ambitious new studio created by Steven Spielberg, financial wizard David Geffen and Jeffrey Kazzenberg, former head of Walt Disney Pictures. The company logo is typically Spielberg, typically cite a kid fishing in the clouds, string on the D of DreamWorks. It is audiences rising to this bait. Kidman's co-star mly help.

He is George Clooney guar-

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anteed to set hearts beating faster. His Lieut-Coi Thomas Devoe, an intelligence officer with the US Armys special Forces, is the kind of role Clark Gable used to play the clara transe usen uplay: he daredevil chap with ignores the rules, but gets the job done. The job is tracking town nine nuclear weapons, itolen by Russian profiteers ulder cover of the mushroom doud, and seemingly headed for the francian sorder. As acting head of the White. Howest Nivileer the White House Nuclear Smuggling Group, this should be Kidman's baby, but the job needs made muscle is well as female brains, so Gloney and Kidman settle down to chafe and bicker in the distomery way before arriving it mutual understanding. Who knows. once the adventure is over th may even start datimi.

There is certainly no time for smoothing on-stiten. The Pedcemaker has a woman director, Mimi Leder, aired on the strength of her awardwinning work on the W series E.R., but she keeps my deli-cate sensibilities well hidden. Just a few seconds are lilowed. for tears over casualtie. Then

chase the next onslaught of shouted commands, the next' encounter with the plots Balkan terrorist (played by a Romanian. Marcel Iures), who plans to collar the world's attention with a nuclear explo-sion at the United Nations in

Ah, New York! You can almost hear the film relaxing once it reaches home ground after trudging through East-ern Europe. No more noble intentions. No more blaying with submies. Here is pure hokum: Manhattan in grid-lock, with a bomb's detonator. ticking, Clooney in pursuit and Kidman still dressed by Calvin Klein. It makes for a rousing conclusion. But to work as a whole, The Peace-

The Peacemaker Empire, 15, 124 mins Anyone seen nine nuclear warheads? A Life Less

Ordinary Warner West End 15, 103 mins The Trainspotting team loses direction Ma Vie en Rose

Curzon Mayfair 12. 88 mins French delight about a child's sexual identity Darklands : National Film Theatre.

90 mins

Murky Welsh

horror movie

maker needs to be much more stupid or much more intelligent. I don't mind which.

A Life Less Ordinary is another movie that needs sorting out, although there is no simple solution to the curious mess the Trainspotting team has made of its first venture abroad. They have travelled far, the first scene takes place in Heaven, run like a police station, all in white. Damny Boyle (the director), Andrew Macdonald (the producer) and John Hodge (the writer) then return to Earth - Utah, in fact - to pick usion Robert and Celine, one rich; one poor, played by two stars, Ewan McGregor and Cameron Diaz. Heaven decrees that they fall in love, and two angels (Holly Hunter and Delroy Lindo) are sent to ensure this happens.

So Robert, a janitor fired from a vast corporation, finds himself kidnapping Celine, pampered daughter of his former boss. The angels are hired as bounty hunters to track the pair down. Nothing goes according to plan. Nor does the film. The



recesses of the issues raised in

Chris Vander Stappen's script.

but there is enough coverage

of gender confusion and the

adventures of cross-dressing

to give audiences pause for

thought. He is blessed, too.

with an excellent cast. A

cloying and artful child actor

esumed aim was a fantastical screwball comedy, pitched somewhere between the illins. Boyle asked his cast to watch as part of their homework: Powell and Pressburger's A Matter of Life and Death and Frank Capra's It Happened One Night.

ut it would take a far sharper script and more rigorous direction from Doyle and Hodge to produce a fusion of these classics. In Capra's Depression cornedy, Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert had enuine personable charm to offer. Strain as they do, McGregor and Diaz cannot generate the same glow as they blunder through bank robberies, karaoke bars, and any diversion Hodge can conceive. We grow tired of McGregor's boyish naivety and Diaz's metallic smile.

In short, our hearts are not with these characters, which makes the film's twists, turns

and elongations increasingly difficult to take A Life Less Ordinary may come festooned with fashionable names, a hip insouciance, intriguing conceits and sizeable audience expectations; but nothing much lies behind the bunting.

Ma Vie en Rose offers a different kind of parade. French suburbia is the setting: manicured lawns, tidy houses, barbecues, lives determined by community-approval. But there is a spanner in the works. Ludovic, the seven year-old hero, believes himself to be a girl in disguise. He even plans a wedding with his friend, Jerome. The communtry frowns. Ordered life is disrupted. The film's colour scheme equally goes haywire. Kitsch shades of pink and yellow intrude as Ludovic steps into the fantasy world of Pam and Ben, characters from a children's TV series not too far away from Barbie and

Banality one minute, outra-

geous fantasy the next: this is luckily Georges Du Fresne tricky terrain. Alain Berliner, keeps his innocence and fragilthe film's greenhorn director. ity as he explores Ludovic's sexual identity. Expect, and fear, a Hollywood remake. copes marvellously well. He may not probe the deepest

With Ma Vie en Rose you feel an original sensibility in control. Darklands, on the other hand, was made by a magpie. His name is Julian Richards, Welsh-born, late twenties. He explains in the press kit that he was told at film school not to make films about other films, but the

advice has not sunk home. Behind this botched tale of pagan sacrifice in post-industrial Wales lie The Wicker Man, Rosemary's Baby, The Exorcist . . .

Influences and borrowings would not loom so large if Richards's collage was glued together with flair. But his ambition far exceeded his budget of £500,000 and the cast, headed by Craig Fairbrass, is not equipped to come riding to the rescue.

'A very dated piece'

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

Eleanor Zeal, 19: This film is rubbish. However it does provide two hours to ogle George Clooney. I'm going again. Leslie Isaiah Thowas, 19: Hopefully this first movie from Spielberg's new film studio will not be typical of the output. The Peacemaker is a way below average action

Dominic Young. 18: A very dated piece. Kidman and Clooney just don't have the necessary chemistry. Laura Brook, 18: If you liked Batman and Robin, you'll love this. Nicole Kidman's American accent is curiously

□ A LIFE LESS ORDINARY

Eleanor: For a comedy thriller, the laughs and thrills were in short supply. The best thing about this movie is its very funky soundtrack. Leslie: Both Ewan McGregor

and Cameron Diaz looked uncomfortable on screen. **Dominic:** Actress Holly Hunter gives a strong, funny performance in this supposedly dark

Laura: Ewan can do no wrong, even in this poor excuse for a movie.

☐ MA VIE EN ROSE Eleanor: A highly original

film, both moving and funny with some striking images. Leslie: A film that highlights the prejudice in our society towards anyone seen as "different". Recommended. Dominic: One of the best French movies I have seen. Laura: Do not allow yourself to be put off by the subtitles. Your life will be richer after watching this film.

THE TIMES / DILLONS FORUM

A satırıca walk with BILL BRYSON

READERS are invited to a forum with the bestseling author Bill Bryson, when he will read extracts from his gripping new book A Walk in the Woods, giving accounts of his experiences along the longest footpith in the world, the Appala-

trail promised Bryson endless days of walking, nights of eating importantly, the chance to

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turn his inquiring, satirical eye once again on his native America.

The forum on Tuesday, November 4, will be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WCL at 7.30pm. Tickets at £10 (concessions £7.50) include £2 off the price of A Walk in the Woods (Doubleday, £16.99).

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Doubling up over jam and Belgium

Eddie Izzard opened a one-man show at the Ambassadors, the West End's smallest theatre (450 seats), and by all accounts endeared himself to everyone who saw him there. This time he opens his British tour at Hammersmith's vast auditorium where a full house at the Ambassadors could fit into a quarter of the stalls. The change of scale contributes to a finally unsatisfying occasion, but is not the Before his entrance, lights

rake the audience until you expect an encounter of the third kind to descend. When he appears, wearing a suit of flexible sheet metal, cherry red shot with green. It is evident that the inajority of the audience are devoted fans who will bray with laughter at what they expect to be funny, whether or not it isn't.

Thus he begins with the Creation, God being woken up by his Scottish landlady and told to begin making things jam; Belgium, Jami Belgium! Not exactly the payoffs to the funniest jokes ever told, but you could be excused from thinking they must be from the resulting uproar of joy. Added to which, the miking makes his voice both muffled and tinny, asides turn : into mumbles, and his characteristic style of thinking aloud becomes thinking a-soft.

When the acoustic system catches up with his delivery, circa the Flood, his special qualities have a chance to show themselves. He queries notions that most of us never think about. Why only one pair of giraffes, elephants, etc. floating creatures eese) survived in nousands? What is an evil



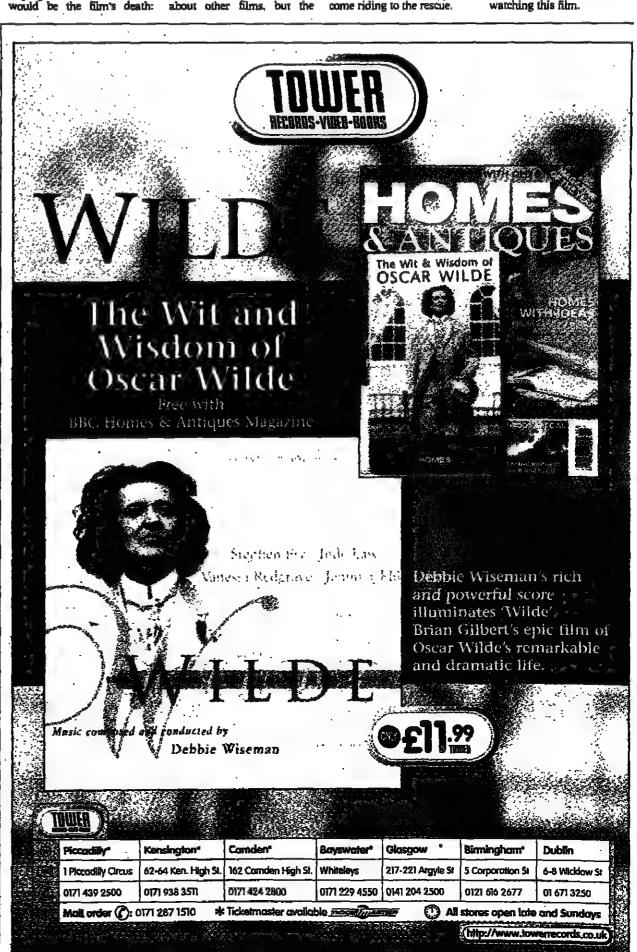


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giraffe? He becomes a giraffe. wickedly gorging on leaves in order to deprive fellow gi raffes. He moves in a sort of dragging trot instantly recognisable as a giraffe's galumphing gait. Quirky points of view are

one of his strengths: what dust thinks when an inefficient carpet sweeper goes back and forth on top of it. The sounds of physical objects are another the different noises of a saw as it makes its way through a plank. But jokes about treacherous toasters and showers, however nicely observed, are overfamiliar subjects for comedy, and in the evening's second half he makes no attempt to hitch batches of material together on a through line of thought. Taken together with the strain of listening, the show is a disappointment to all but dedicated followers.

JEREMY KINGSTON



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It hasn't half got rhythm

choreographer Stephen Petronio something of a fixture in the Dance Umbrella calendar. This is the seventh appearance of his company at London's annual festival of contemporary dance, and as a packed Queen Elizabeth Hall would attest, he has lost none of his popularity.

Petronio is particularly grateful for the support he has had over the years from Dance Umbrella's artistic director. Val Bourne, She started promoting him when he was a 22year-old neophyte; today, at 41, having sustained his own

Stephen Petronic Queen Eizabeth Hall

company for the past 13 years, Petronio is one of the most successful figures to have emerged from the American Post-Modern scene. By way of thanks, he opened this year's Dance Umbrella festival with a new piece dedicated to Bourne.

ReBourne is in two contrast-

ing haives, although Petronio uses the same movement for both, despite their wildly antithetical scores. Like Merce Cunningham, Petronio is interested in the formality of dance and the rigour of the laws that govern it. But unlike Cunningham, Petronio is possessed of a restless, even reckless, creative energy. Although we are starting to see the first signs of calm in his choreography, his dancers are still being sent like cannon fodder on to a kind of choreographic battleground. They rush headlong into his energy-



The Stephen Petronic Company in Lareigne, part of the programme which launched this year! Dance Umbrella

busting phrases, their spinning torsos and head rolls ensuring that they never face anything, including the audience, square on.

The first section ReBourne is set to a punchy Beastie Boys remix; the second to Sheila Chandra's sedating ABoneCroneDrane2. The first is all about rhythm, the second about the absence of rhythm. although the hook is that the

rhythmic pulse is still there in the choreography even when it is no longer there in the music. As artistic statements go, ReBourne is not exactly original; placing the same movement in different contexts is a favourite choreographic premise. But ReBourne is no less successful for that, and as a homage to Val Bourns it stands as one of Petronio's best

works to date.

The rest of the evening. though, is a disappointment. A piece titled #4, for a quartet of men including Petronio, is a vain, silly choreographic fritthe only thing Petronio's short solo, I Kneel Down Before You (presumably some kind of danced love letter), adds to the programme is length.

Those two at least have the advantage of brevity. La-

reigne, which closed Tuesday's programme, went on and on turgidly recycling most of the movement ideas that had been better expoundter for four punk angels, while .. ed in Resourns. The music, a pairing of the Stranglers' No More Feroes and an original score by David Linton, reflected Petronio's taste: music that doesn thorce him to think.

DEBRA CRAINE

CONCERTS: Hardenberger triumphs with Zimmermann trumpet concerto; and records Shostakovich

Spiritual overtones

LPO/Mesur Festival Half

BERND Alois Zimmermann's trumpet concerto, Nobody knows de trouble I see, inspired and gave its name to a major theme in the London Philharof the composer in exile. And the work finally surfaced on Sunday night in yet another memorable virtuoso performance by Hakan Hardenberger, who gave the concerto its British premiere at the 1993 Proms, 38 years after it was first performed in Hamburg.

Zimmermann took his own life in 1970. His was an exile of the soul, his life a tumultuous and finally exhausted search for an adequate means of personal and artistic expression, equal to "all the injustices that are committed under the sun" - to quote part of the title of his last work. The trumpet concerto strains after a means of expressing an ideal of human cooperation, of "brotherly unity". The reference to the negro spiritual of the title appears slowly: the journey to it passes through an emblematic fraternity of disparate musical styles, from jazz to neo-classicism and serialism.

In that straining lies the work's unique power. And both Hardenberger and Kurt Masur, conducting the London Philharmonic, were in strong command of the music's uneasy oscillation between confident rhythms. unrooted harmonies and fractured themes. Hardenberger's final cadenza was moving in its ability both to reveal and conceal the music's art, and it brought the work to a final, diffident

Masur himself has seen trouble aplenty. The swift, keenly demarcated string playing of the opening of Shostakovich's Seventh Symphony (Leningrad) was an upbeat of determin the work's triumphant close, a vindication of those ubiquitous rising scales of hope which illuminate this

The long, long march of the first movement is notoriously difficult to pull off, a hair's-breadth of poorly judged tempo can lay it open to the charge of banglity or long-windedness. But from the chill of the first pattering of the side-drum to the powerfully led phalanx of strings and the successive advance of each orchestral unit, Masur held the audience spellbound. It was his pacing of the finale, though, that revealed so movingly the great coherence and the great heart of this symphony. "I couldn't help but write it." said Shostakovich: that urgent necessity rang through the LPO's playing from start to finish.

worth it

Long, but

YOU ARE recording Britten's Plano

Concerto and Shostakovich's Concerto for Plano and Trumpet in a public concert in Symphony Hall. It is a nice coupling but what else do you put in. the programme? As Paavo Jarvi and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra evidently discovered, there is no easy answer. You need something to precede the Britten and something else to follow the Shostakovich but assuming that two hours is the optimum length for a concert and allowing for the interval - you have only about 30 minutes left.

Järvi's solution had some points in its favour. Both the concertos have something stylistically in common with Prokofiev and it was he who said (in one of the sillier statements attributable to a great composer) that his Classical Symphony was written much as Haydn would have written it had he been alive at the time. So the concert, began with Haydn's Clock Symphony and ended with Prokofier's Classical.

But time was up even before they got HILARY FINCH to the Prokofiev and, anyway, high-

spirited pastiche was not a welcome prospect after the high-spirited parody of the Britten and Shostakovich concertos. What about Shostakovich's brilliantly brief Festive Overture at the beginning and Britten's seriously short Sinfonia da Requiem at the end? At least, it was a successful recording

session. Paavo Järvi had prepared the CBSO so thoroughly that it played its part in the concertos, even by its own standards, uncommonly well. Balance was occasionally uneven, and ensemble sometimes marginally at fault but, for the most part, textures were radiantly clear and detail was finely and vividly registered, not least in the expressive cello line near the end of Shostakovich's yrical Lento. In the same slow increment the trumpet soloist. Hakan Hardenberger, ceased to sound like an add-on and got himself integrated into the performance from thei-on.

he is supremel well equipped for the task, which is to say that he has the temperament rot only to go spectacularly over the top with Britten and Shostakovich is their respectively rowdy last movements but also to realise the poetry when coexists, though not always on he surface, with the naughty-boy element in both works. Britten's first novement, as he demonstrated with tasteful discrimination and technical finesse, is an inspiration particularly rewarding when approached with sensitivity such as his.

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is thicker than water seems a bit insulting to any friend who has spent many years proving himself more substantial than H2O: Yet the familiar complant that we choose our chums but not our family fails to acknowledge the visceral that links relatives. At any rate, those are the conundra at the heart of the unsettling comedy that brings Maggie Smith and Eileen Atkins to the West End as two sisters bonded in hatred and, maybe,

Edward Albee's A Delicate Balance was first performed in 1966, soon after his Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? and, although it proved com-mercially less successful, it was and remains an equally impressive piece. It is less scathing, less verbally energetic. At times its Henry James dialogue leaves you feeling



moving the words. But it expresses the same scepticism about relationships in a richer. subtler way.

Amid the grand Grecian

columns of Carl Toms's drawing-room set a "delicate balance" has been achieved. Atkins's Agnes and her husband. John Standing's Tobias, seem barely to have shared a bed since the death of a son vears ago. Agnes talks vaguely of going mad and her alcoholic. sister. Smith's Claire, of murdering her. But it is just attenuated rhetoric. The emotional scales remain precariously in place.

Then comes a dual invasion. one half depressingly realistic, the other half odd without ever becoming unbelievable. Agnes's daughter Julia slams in, shrilly demanding sympa-thy for the collapse of her fourth marriage and a return to the security of childhood. But her old bedroom has just been taken over by Edna and Harry, her parents best friends. They have come for sanctuary after suffering an attack of the horrors in their own house, and blittiely declare that they plan to stay.

What has frightened them? Intimations of death, their own emptiness, the subterranean terrors that surface in amorphous ones you find in T.S. Elion's poetry? That is never clear, perhaps because elsewhere. He wants to ask hard questions about emotional priorities. More, he wants to explore the geography and chart the outer boundaries of affection, to demonstrate the disparity between the human craving for love and the human ability to give it.

Anthony Page's fine production gives him every opportunity to do so. For all James Laurenson's matey swagger,



Maggie Smith (Claire), John Standing (Tobias), Eileen Atkins (Agnes) and Sian Thomas (Julia) in Anthony Page's excellent production of Edward Albee's A Delicate Balance

his Harry and Annette Crosbie's Edna cut forlorn, needy figures, and are certainmore appealing than Sian homas's branish Julia. Ideally, they should be able to take their old friends' hospitality for granted. But the reaction of Standing's Tobias, who desperately implores them to stay while admitting he doesn't want them, is probably the best they can expect. The American norm is to be "giving but not sharing, outgoing

but not friendly". The speaker is Smith, who the fact that most of her funny lines involve booze and boozing, so effortlessly arresting is wry, seen-it-all manner. But the performance of the evening comes from Atkins as the sister who has acquired a dry, shave style for every disaster, starting with the maddening Claire. Under the wintry preciosity and mandarin self-sufficiency are bitterness and cynicism, grief and regret and a lot more.

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best, while remaining re-doubtable Verdians. She has a

few slithery notes before a rapt

account of the heroine's last:

act dream. He is a bit short of

ballast as the villain who

becomes a hermit to atone for

Chorally Lombardi picks up

where Nabucco, Verdi's first

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hearted schoolteacher, is a few seconds ery of life with a bullying husband, the lithe young man who will become her lover asks: "Are you nervous?" to which she answers: "Brilliantly." Few of us in the world outside the theatre would reply with this friendly succinct-James Martin Chariton are often given such rich, extraordinary comments to express

Fat Souls, the first of his plays to be produced here, remains his finest achievement so far, but his latest work marks a return to its peculiar. strengths: a passionate sympathy with the victims of abuse, and a readiness to. exploit underused theatrical styles to present their story. As well as Rose (played by Nicola Duffett, once of EastEnders), whose horrible husband is a

security guard, the victims here include Adam, a schoolboy up on a charge of smashing a shop window to steal a

nair of trainers. Rose feels she should put in some good words for him ghastly home life allow us to see prison as a sentence that Their entwined fates form the

substance of Charlton's play. Sometimes the characters on this London estate speak harshly, complaining, arguing, teiling sexist jokes, but frequently even the nastier ones shift pear into a language of irregular couplets, rhymed or half-rhymed, expressing deeper concerns and the fear and desire to give voice to them. Though it is a language too loosely structured to acof precise situation, the presence of rhymes makes the general situation.

Played in traverse between two grey tower blocks, narrowing towards the top like chimney breasts, Ted Craig's well-acted Warehouse production sensitively fuses the different realities into a credible whole. Duffett and Thomas Goodridge (Adam) play only the one role but the other three actors play two or three. Euan Machaughton couples the snarling husband with Rose's future lover; Thomas Murphy plays three sorts of creep,

though the last, a crushed pensioner, shows Charlton exploring beyond black n white characterisation. Joanna Brookes enjoyably switches from foul mother to cantankerous neighbour to prim

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Switched on and tuned in

LONDON'S rich musical season only really gets into full swing when the chamber music begins, so it was good to hear the Takacs Quartet back at the QEH. Their concert featured Michael Berkeley's newest work, Mozart's Hoffmeister and Beethoven's Op 59 No 1 quartet, and right from the beginning the players stamped their mark on the

Their Mozart is individual, almost romantic and with a vein of deep melancholy: the opening Allegretto had quirky lightness, and the Minuet and Trio was a real dance. Even though there were a few

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moments of rhythmic instability later, this is a group that listens more intently to one another than most quartets, and from the clarity of the textures you know that these are four very individual musicians. It is easy to understand why Berkeley chose to write for them.

Torque and Velocity is Berkeley's fifth piece for string quartet. It thus follows his Magnetic Field and also draws inspiration from the world of physics: the opening and closing gestures are like the flick of a switch, which at the start releases a big charge of energy and sets the 20minute piece in accelerating

This is a tightly composed score, with much deriving from a few cells; even the vigorous motor rhythms and rapid, anguished glissandos.

But there are also long stretches of quiet, desolate beauty, and moments of hardwon lyricism where the melodies range across wide intervals. Some high-lying cello writing helps the music to flow effortlessly and at times eerily, and Berkeley conjures up an amazing variety of colourful textures with one of the less colourful mediums. The string quartet may also be essentially an intimate medium, but this is a big, invigorating work, at once modern in outlook and rooted

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It is easy to see what attracted Pavarotti to the role and throughout he is in reful-gent voice. Richard Leech, in the less showy part of leader of the Lombard crusaders, also has plenty of sheen to his tenor. He is generally associat-

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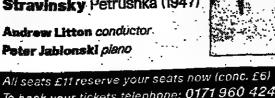
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is the kind of writer who hates to be agreed with: he would despair if he failed to stimulate demurrals. The most objectionable features of the book partial coverage and its partisan sub-text. Johnson candidly history: can a state founded on usurpation, developed in slavery and expanded at victims' expense be a fit leader and example for the world? In reply, he reflects Americans' self-images back at them, ensentially high-minded and

Johnson's America sprang fully armed with democracy, defended by a morally committed middle class (but try telling that to the long-disenfranchised). Their reli-gion, in his view, gave Americans the blessings of idealism without the discomforts of clericalism (but godly



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usualiv Presidents. There are wonderful passages on the arts and well-told episodes of low life, like the slumming of Harlem, the dumbing of Hollywood and the coming of jazz, but these are added into a narrative which treats presi-

dential terms like reiens. Johnson acknowledges that America is a land of small towns, but the scale of the book gives him little time to

"down on the farm" or the reservation. We are dazzled by the forging of a national consciousness against the odds but hardly glimose places where it happened — like whalers, wagon trains, school buses, army camps, baseball grounds, hot-

the impartiality of "the historian" or even "the wise historian", the book is written parti pris and some of the politics belongs in the Daily Mail.

Johnson loves the diversity of America but inistrusts multi-culturalism. Indians who died out or were massacred are blamed for resisting assimila-tion. To be preserved in amber special "rights" and

"claims" is merely a formula for communing friction, extravagant expectations, and new forms of exploitation by white radical intellectuals. The best test of truth, the

author rather riskily thinks, is the market. Yet the modern triumphs of investigative jourism and the Salem witchtrials: "The propensity of the American people to be convulsed by spasms of self-righteous rage." Critics who hate the book for political reasons will be able to concentrate their attacks on the errors accumulated by hurried writing and slack copy-editing.

me much pleasure but, merci-

fully, perhaps, it has not helped me to understand the country I am living in I am surrounded by conformity without compulsion, democrawithout discrimination, altruism without sacrifice. friendliness without selflessness, a class system without class warfare and freedom at a well-calculated price. The pariter its

by date

MANAMA

here lovely and exciting. If ever I find a book which explains them. I shall feel amid my admiration - that I have lost some of the fun. Felipe Fernandez-Armesto is at Brown University for the

His most recent book is Truth:

A History (Bantam,

This time it's only a Morris minor

For more than 50 years

Jan Morris has been with two strokes of luck to her credit — the fact that she appears to be, by nature, a gracious and appreciative guest wherever she goes; and the fact that she belongs to a generation of souls whose lives have bridged history's current through this century. She's recorded the first ascent of and the last descent of a united Yugoslavia's banner. And now, goaded, no doubt, by a personal imperative to sum up her years as if life's rich experiences can be folded into a neat travelogue, she has assembled a very long book of very short sketches.

An album it certainly is, in the true Latin meaning. because although the pages of this book are not materially blank, leafing through them can create a snowblindness. Like an artificial blizzard blown from a machine, Morris churns out impressionistic, Marianne Wiggins

FIFTY YEARS OF EUROPE An Aibum By Jan Morris Viking, E20 ISBN 0 670 86387 4

well-crafted episodes like individual snowflakes which melt away before they have a chance to mass. In a younger writer, or with a subject not as well-known by us all, this scattershot technique might hold some occasional surprises, but as it stands in this overlong exercise, one is forced to feel embarrassment and

sympathy for Morris. Fifty Years of Europe is neither history, travelogue, nor memoir -- it reads like a looseleaf diary which has been shuffled in a gust of wind. Selfdeprecating to a fault, Morris admits her prejudices, but she is less savvy in judging wheth-



Morris: self-deprecating despite a life of high adventure

her writing's limitations. It is the essence of charm to admit, as she does, that her opinions might be jejune, but it becomes a measure of bulfoonery to elaborate on them. Unfortunately, many conclusions she draws from her prejudices about Europe are too often wrong. About the devolved Scots, for example, she writes: "We have lost the fire in our bellies,' somebody told me, and it was true that

however patriotic the average

Scot was for most of the time, destinies he felt caution to be canny. Perhaps he distrusted the devil he did not know, even if it was his own; or perhaps he was just happy enough as he was, plodding down to the corner pub with his old dog

following." In the past Morris has been such a good and trusted guide that such gaffes are hard to overlook. There are some gems here, but, sadly, far too

Red Ray has sold the citrus groves, in which the halfway house stands, to Billie. This allows her to impose her strictures, both commercial

this to occur. a happy ending. But all the characters have gained in the telling and one does not fear for them by the end.

Stories that get under the skin

The Emperor is ambitious in a manner foreign to most contemporary writing in Britain. He likes to deal in unfashionable earnest", as a professor observes of a student who would probably not go on to write an academic book, with "that silent roaring edge where things come into being and die". To that end, he invents a rheloric which can set the smells of sawdust, mildew and stale beer against some apprehension of a numi-nous world.

THIS widely praised Canadian author of Flight Paths Of

He is not a man of the Enlightenment, like Julian Barnes, say, who might also have enjoyed describing the mirage of a gentle glade stocked with berries and game which deludes a group of lost Arctic explorers. Heighton has the Authorised Version of the Bible in his ears; the ambiguous echo in the title of this collection goes to the heart of the book, and there is a savage portrait of a fundamental believer, stubbornly and foolishly prepared to stand his

ground against floods. Heighton's sense of the transcendental resembles Whitman's more than Hopkins's, and the mysticism of Bear writing. A wish to write an elegy for that lost generation gives Heighton the nerve both to accept the influence of Kerouac and to write lyrically without fear of being dismissed as pretentious. The rhythms are often those of early Modernism, though Heighton keeps the movement of colloquial speech even in dazed eloquence. A cone of light thrown by a desk lamp at three in the morning, for instance, resembles a miner's

lamped helmet in the dark. Some of the most important stories concern-the meanings. of the French expression, d Elaine Feinstein

ON EARTH AS IT IS By Steve Heighton Granta, £9.99 ISBN 1862070814

the phrase first while at university: his story is framed by memories of praise from a generous woman teacher, whom he meets again in devastated old age. When his new lover declares the words mean her skin is flowering for him, he tells herthat the true meaning is "skin deep". For the translator; and perhaps for Heighton, even the most erotic moments carry the voice of the dead "who seem to say everything is vanishing. Do not "". waste your life."

THERE are some irritants the repeated sentences which the repeated sentences which does it happen for the last time? The love-making. Yet Heighton's imagination of these couplings is compelling. I two people in late middle age; their son at the end of a love. affair the clumsy passion of a man on the run from soldiers, and most moving of all, a sick husband with a wife so aware of his weakness that she isafraid he will die when he comes. Heighton writes aniar ingly well in the person of people whose experience he can only have imagined. Nevsuffuses this book, and the most straightforward story in it, dealing with the love and hatred between father and son, suggests self-knowledge as well as an unmistakable

Elaine Feinstein's latest poetry collection, Daylight B published by Carconet

A DRYING-out clinic is not an obvious choice of subject in which to look for (never mind find) the lighter side of life. But Round Rock - also the title of Michelle Hunevin's novel (Granta, £9.99; ISBN 1 86207 083 0) - a halfway house for recovering alcoholics set in a citrus grove in a Californian valley, is not a bleak place. Hunevin brings together a cast of characters that do more than merely survive their tribulations.

The location is central to the plot. There is a conceit among the locals that the regular earthquakes in the area con-

Shaken, stirred

unpredictabilities and the history of the valley unfolds parallel to the development of the characters.

Red Ray, a former lawyer who runs Round Rock, was himself a drinker. He and his wife buy a wreck of a house in the valley but she leaves him because of his drinking. After his own recovery, he founds the halfway house in what was

their home. He has a wistful personality

life's at odds with his burly figure; an appealing juxtaposition. Lewis, an intelligent young drunk in deep denial, is one of his residents. He is selfish and elusive and he comes near to toppling the equilibrium of the gentle local woman with whom he has an affair. Libby Daw is the ex-wife of an architect, a bully who abandons her. She is surrounded by personalities stronger than herself including the tigerish

and emotional, on her neighbours. Yet she does succumb to the gentler influences of her friends - as does Lewis though it takes a tragedy for This is not a book which has

> KATHERINE BERGEN | fleur de peau. The narrator, a priced £6,95.

Paul Watkins admires the courage and caution of Fridtjof Nansen, a polar explorer who lived to tell the tale

The only thing about being a hero is knowing the right time to die." said American popular culture. He could have proved his point with any one of an array of polar explorers, from John Franklin to Robert Scott to Ernest Shackleton, who either died in the frozen wastelands that obsessed them, or died en roude to stake their claim in the ranks of the polar immortals. An exception to this trend of heroic oblivion is Fridtiof Nartsen, the subject of Roland Huntford's engaging and

exhaustively researched biography.

Nansen's life is best understood when contrasted with that of Shackleton, also the subject of a biography by Huntford. Nansen must also be compared to Scott, whose fatal expedition to the South Pole is

> NANSEN The Explorer as Hero By Roland Huntford Duckworth, E25 ISBN 0715627406

best described by Apsley Cherry-Garrard, himself a survivor of that voyage, in The Worst Journey In The World. Although Nansen may emerge a less romantic figure, particularly to those with an Anglo-Saxon love of heroic failure, he nevertheless emerges alive. The significance of his survival is as important as the triumphs he achieved. Without Nansen as a counterbalance, true insight into the men who became polar explorers is impossible. Huntford's newest biography is, therefore, a welcome addition to the field of polar studies.

Fridhof Nansen was born in Norway in 1861, at a time when Norwegians were anxious to shrug off centuries of rule by neighbouring Sweden. The search for a sense of national character separate from the other Scandinavian countries had already begun by the time Nansen devel-oped an Interest in adventuring, setting off in 1883 on a seal-hunting ship named The Viking, from which he returned to pursue a career in biology in Bergen. Exhibiting a

In a conty thing about being a hero is knowing the right time to die, "said Will Rogers, the cowboy prophet of American popular culture.

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restlessness that characterised his generation. Nansen soon found this sedentary life too overbearing.

In 1888, he departed on an expedition to cross the Greenland ice cap from east to west. With five companions, including two Lapps. or Sami, Nansen made extensive use of skis, known by Norwegians to be indispensible to winter travel across snow-bound landscapes.

Nansen spent a great deal of time perfecting exactly the right type of ski. He also developed and tested a new style of sledge that could be hauled more easily by men or dogs across the ice cap. Further, he invented what is now known as the Nansen stove, vastly improving on all existing portable cookers of the

day.

With these inventions, developed not only through his own experience but also through a study of people indigenous to arctic regions, Nansen can rightly be called the pioneer of modern expedition tech-nology: Incredibly, decades later, British Navy/Merchant Marine expeditions under Scott and Shackleton chose to ignore these innova-tions. They refused to make proper use of skis because such a thing appeared ungentlemanly. They ig-nored Nansen's Eskimo-style anorak in favour of heavy, hoodless coats and also used horses, entirely ill-suited to polar conditions, as opposed to dogs, which had been

used for millennia by arctic civilisations. The result of this neglected wisdom is known today as an epic of needless suffering, failure and death, redeemed only by the slim consolation that those who



For once, not parted: Nansen and his wife Eva.

perished apparently did so with the dignity belitting British officers. Despite being ridiculed for his singlehanded organisation of the trip. Nansen did become the first to cross the Greenland ice.

country that badly needed one. "As we approached the harbour, and saw the castle walls and quays on all sides absolutely black with people. Dietrichson said to Ravna the Samil, 'look, isn't it wonderful to see all those people. 'Pretty, very pretty, Ravna replied. 'If only they had been reindeer." As a figurehead for not-too-distant Norwegian independence. Nansen was perfect. "With his height, powerful build, blond hair, blue eyes and evident physical strength, he was every inch the marauding Norseman". Not content to rest upon his laurels, Nansen next undertook a

voyage that had confounded explorers for centuries and had cost Sir John Franklin his life - the Northwest Passage. Items of carved wood, unquestionably Pacific in origin, had been found in the Greenland Sea. This proved the existence of a route from Atlantic to Pacific through Northern waters.

To make this journey, which began in August 1893, Nansen commissioned a vessel called the Fram, which today is housed in Oslo's Bygdoy Museum. The Fram was designed to withstand the vast pressure of ice against its sides. The hull was built in such a way that it would literally rise from the water like a cork being squeezed slowly from a bottle, allowing the ice, which could crush the ship, no

purchase - as Shackleton's Endurance ould later be smashed in the Antarctic Weddell Sea. To achieve this, the Fram was formidably constructed. "The keel was of American elm ... the frames were of oak.

grown to shape and seasoned for 30 years ... each 50 centimeters thick ... the stern was made of three massive oak timbers, one inside the other, giving one and a half metres of solid wood fore and aft, almost 40 centimeters wide."

centimeters wide."

Having steamed as far as it could go, the
Fram became "iced in", as predicted, and
spent almost three years drifting slowly with the pack ice until it emerged into the Greenland Sea. Nansen himself had previously left the vessel to attempt a sledge journey to the North Pole. While the goal was not reached, and Nansen was harried by polar bears for most of the time, he nevertheless travelled further north than anyone else had done at the time. The narration of this journey is the most dramatic of Huntford's biography.

t no time is Huntford's level of investigation anything short of impectable. The difficulty for the reader is perhaps only in maintaining an interest in the variety of Nansen's activities either before his polar days, as a scientist, or afterwards as a humanitarian, which won him the Nobel

The one thread which seemed to unite all the roles Nansen played is his treatment of women, his wife Eva in particular, whom he loved best at a distance. In this he was very much like Shackleton, and one cannot help but pity the long-suffering companions that these two men left behind when they vanished over the horizon - as they so often

While this biography may lack some of the flair of Huntford's work on Shackleton, it is no fault of the author. The art of survival might appear less compelling to the reader and brave sayings such as "I may be some time", might stir the soul, but what Nansen has to teach us. as Huntford has shown, is a far more valuable lesson to

Paul Watkins's latest novel. The Story of My Disappearance, is published by Faber, priced £14.99.

Quick on the draw

GOOD news: the publishing industry has abandoned National Vocational Qualifications. "Dag Smith CE of BHTC/Lead Body" (??/!!) accepted that despite "restructuring and rewriting in line with NCVQ/ Beaumont recommendations by Moloney & Gealy" (. . .), the whole scheme should be scrapped as a waste of time and money. So publishers will again be looking for graduates who know which way up to hold a book — and how to write clearly.

LEO WYATT could have been an 18th-century writing-master. Instead he was one of the master lettering engravers of our own times. Ranging from the most restrainedly classical



BIBLIOMANE

to the intricate and florid, his alphabets, bookplates and aphorisms are unfailingly ele-gant. His business files, photographs, correspondence and a number of books will be sold at Sotheby's on October 31 (estimate £5,000-£7,000).

I WISH the artist Paul Hogarth's Drawing on Life (£30) had not been printed on mighty white paper. His pencil drawings especially look better on the creamy, textured stock used for his *Brendan Behan's Island* (1962).

The work is uneven anyway. In his first 40 years there was, he now admits, too much bleak socialist realism, which often relies on the captions to make its point. In his second 40 years he has preferred watercolour, allowing it to dry in pools and producing some striking studies. Many of these are best seen full-size in the Friends Room at the Royal Academy (until October 31).

Hogarth's editor at David & Charles, who insists on inserting "(Beijing)" after "Peking" is presumably the holder of an NVQ. It is fine to be told that Dylan Thomas used to sell typescripts of his poems in pubs, but infuriating to be told that they cost "a fiver (£5.00)

much autobiography as itinerary. He never stops moving. The watercolourist David Gentleman, on the other hand, goes slowly enough to absorb and appreciate what he is looking at Calling a book David Gentleman's Italy is not presumptuous, for his drawings do make places his own. And Italy, as he writes, has its claim on all artists: Belvedere and vista, chiaroscuro and patina and fresco are all Italian words, perspective an Italian invention." *Italy* (Hodder & Stoughton, £30) is the sixth in the admirable series that began in 1982, under a different publisher, with

David Gentleman's Britain. In 1901, Gentleman illustrated Bridges on the Backs, one of the Cambridge Christmas books, which has drawings of bridges from different dates that fold over the timeess river. He still sees the historic layers that go to make up a scene, and writes thoughtfully about Italy's difficulty in modernising and encouraging tourism without compromising its beauty.

THE death of A. L. Rowse brings to mind the story of how the old bore was bested by John Sparrow at All Souls. One night Rowse was complaining at high table that Sparrow had not kept up with his great output of pseudo-scholarly books. "I don't think you even know Tudor Cornwall," he complained, "No," replied Sparrow, turning to the philosopher on his other side, "and I don't think you

know Stuart Hampshire."

JIM McCue

Analysis after its sell-by date

A novelist looks to Mexico's future

but has his eye on the past, finds

Rachel Campbell-Johnston

This summer was an historic one for Mexico. On Sunday, July 6, the nation voted in a calm, orderly fashion for the end of seven decades of single party rule. The longest serving ruling party in the world lost its majority and Mexico's lower chamber became, in the words of one of the country's leadin contemporary historians, "a great democratic laboratory of

In the light of this, the title of Carlos Fuentes's collection of essays. A New Time for Mexico, is misleading. The collection was first published in Spanish three years ago. As it now appears for the first time in English, translated by Ma-rina Gutman Castaneda and Fuentes, it is already out of

the Evil Witch of The Wizard of Oz," he writes, "and, instead of plunging Mexico into chaos, it has brought us not only lots of hope but an objectively healthier and more stable situation ... The road will be rocky, but the stones on the path can well become the masonry of the future."

A NEW TIME FOR MEXICO By Carlos Fuentes

But this addition is merely a the stones of the past that Purentes dwells. The "nev time" of his title is not that of a freshly democratic nation, but that of the blending and overlay of multiple histories which Fuentes suggests in this volume, lie at the very heart of Mexican identity. The mandala of time opens in four directions yet returns to a centre called simultaneity," he writes. He describes Mexico as "a country of simultaneous times, where past is present and all of history happens, or can happen, at this very moment.

Fuences certainly knows how to begin at the beginning. He starts off with creation, with a meditation on the five suns of ancient Mexican cosmogeny. And with this under his belt he sets off on a long ruminative ramble through the political, social and cultural history of his

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the Mayans and Aztecs, conquistadors, revolutionaries and dictators, to build up a sprawling portrait of a country shifting between tradition and modernity.
Undoubtedly Fuentes's in-

tellectual energy is formida-ble. He is erudite, wide ranging and capable of startling connections. But those who have admired his novels will find these essays intracta-bly dense and ostentatiously cerebral. Fuentes has helped himself liberally to a real pick and mix of culture, theory and philosophy — he draws on Kierkegaard, Newton, Cervantes, Joyce, André Breton, Ernst Gellner, Mussolini and Bruce Chatwin.

Long sentences overflow with images and ideas. At their best they are tinted with the grit and enchantment of the magical realist traditions for which Fuentes's fiction is known.

At times they offer unusual insight into personal experience, or into the complex political structures of an ever shifting nation. But at their worst they are just horribly pretentiqus.

Pullovers, teacakes and savagery WAIT-Till I Tell You is an apt

title for a book of short stories. Like a badly-kept secret, a good short story spills over with its desire to be told, and catches us up on the wave of its telling from the first paragraph. This is not to say that short story writers should be loose-mouthed. There is no anecdotal rush in Candia McWilliam's first book of short stories - indeed, it's hard to think of a more

controlled, sophisticated writ-

er - but there is a rich sense of

drama. The setting for Sweetie Rationing is a genteel tea-party, but with a savage underplay of greed and frustration. The hostess. Mrs Dalgleish, deploys sugar-cakes and gossip to maintain the pecking-order among her guests. In their pullovers and lace-up brogues these respectable Scottish ladies are less dashing than the Furies, but in their pursuit of those who flout the social order, they are equally pitiless. McWilliam has a deadly eye Helen Dunmore

WAIT TILL I TELLYOU By Candia McWilliam Bloomsbury, £14.99 ISBN 0747534047

for a small-mindedness which knows where everyone comes from, and what they ought not to pretend to be. To be known is a curse when the individual cannot control what is done with the knowledge. In Carla's Face, Carla Mac-Dougall has escaped from island life. "No-one in Stirling knew what she had started out with, or why exactly she had each feature, like the people on the island did . . . " Carla has also gone beyond herself, and is fatally shriveled by loneliness. Her would-be glamour shows threadbare through the 'clean blue eyes" of islander Jessie, who records without comment Carla's "mixed hair. the mauve-red of neepskins

and beetroot". It is a piercing story about the comedy of errors which any self-image is built upon, and the power of a closed community, where noone can choose to belong or

not to belong.

Candia McWilliam writes better in the third person than in the first. When she writes in the voices of her characters, she tends to give them an articulacy which is too like her own. The narrator of Shredding the Iceberg runs a seafood stall. She starts off sharp and clear, but drifts into sounding like a very good writer, which is a thing a very good writer ought always to avoid: ... the chill glittery ribbons of iceberg, the hot stubbed shell of the fritters made with crumb, the light deflatable sheen of the battered fish ...

McWilliam is much more at home when a slight distance allows her to prowl around the quirks and self-delusions of her characters, and these she observes brilliantly. "The car



battered the smart but loutish

bird, deriding it to death, then

crunching at it with a besomed

look as if to say, 'Doesn' it suit me?" It does. The flaunt of the writing asks for admiration,

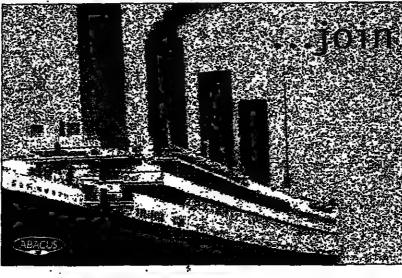
yet is poised to serve the

drama of the story. This is

Candia McWilliam at her

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TRAVEL

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BAGS

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BRITAIN

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BY CHRIS MCGRATH

WHILE less patrician owners. must distinguish themselves with a tangle of stars and diabolos, the Duke of Devonshire's colours are described on the racecard simply as "straw". So when his sprinter, Compton Place, blurred them to success in the July Cup at Newmarket, it was in every sense a case of a straw in the wind. For that 50-1 triumph proved the first, startling evidence of a change in the sporting fortunes of the Duke. , and his trainer, James Toller.

Soon afterwards, they returned to the July Course with an unraced colt named Teapot Row. He ran away with his maiden in promising style and subsequently captured the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot. earning respectful quotes in the ante-post betting on next vear's classics.

Even that breakthrough, however, has not necessarily oling secured him the status of the most promising among 25 borses stabled with Toller at Whitsbury in Dorset.

Tomorrow Duck Row, likewise named after a line of cottages on the Duke's Chatsworth estate, returns to the scene of his impressive debut success at Newbury, for the Vodafone Horris Hill Stakes.

This promising son of Diesis had the option of the Racing Post Trophy at Don-caster the following day, but Toller said yesterday: "I don't

of this year's Vodafone Der-

by, has con his last race

(Chris McGrath writes). The

Silver Hawk colt gave his

trainer, John Gosden, a first

win in the Derby when

beating the subsequent St.

Leger winner, Silver Patri-

Gosden said vesterday: Benny The Dip has been

retired to Claiborne Farm.

Kentucky, and will travel-

there at the end of October.

horse who has retired sound. Only once has he finished

After placed efforts behind

Pilsudski and Singspiel in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at

Sandown in July and York's

Juddmonte International the.

following month, he finished

Golngrigocol2 10 (vm. 3/of 7, WOLANT HOLLY (L.
Deston, 4-1), 2, Alestoneia (A. Gesth, 33-1);
3, Regnal Resource (R. Hills, 16-1), ALSO
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2240.80,7952-833.41.

2.45 (Tat Suri J. SICK AS A PARRIOT BA Hiss. Sci. 2. Middle Tempole (W. Rum. 2-1). L. Sick (R. H. 6-1). At Son RAN. 3-1 fee; Buharnian Melocy. 7 Marseba Sthi). 98 and Resober. 12 Microelect (Ath). Siches. 14 mids. Shoot. 16 Gin Di Coold Sthi). 20 Takes A Turn. 33 No Shame. 12 day. 14 C. Dwyer et Newsmarker. 16th 24 20: 21-50. 22-9.

21.50 JULY 237.80. Tric. 254.80. CSF. 243.50; Takes 22-26.

2.13.00; (Appete 1282 16 1. ANJOLI (K. Falion, 5.2 imi; 2. And (R. Finerch, 4-1); 3. Charles 2. imi; 2. And (R. Finerch, 4-1); 3. Charles 2. imi; 2. And (R. Finerch, 4-1); 3. Charles 12. Strap Deed (4nt); 6. Reeds, 12. And Carolina (4nt); 6. Reeds, 12. And Carolina; 20. And Carolina; 33. And 34. Ind. 34. Ind

1.45 (8) Such 1 TOBLERSONS (L. Dettori, 2-1, But, 2. Dernier Croise (M. Tetbut, 20-1), 3. Heil-Hisch (K. Felton, 9.2, ALSO JAN 5-5-2 Rite 66 (46), 13 Danual's Folly 60), 7 Member Prote (58), 25 Leed Singer 7 ran. 54, 731, rk. 154, 7L. R. Mehust at Epsom. Tote: 5280; £1.40, 4.10.0F: 235.80 CSF: £27.87

20 (71 3rd) 1. JRLA (R Hills, 7-2; 2. Imbested (W Ryan, 19-1); 3. Close share (J Red, 7-4 (au), ALSO RAN, 9-4 aptian Logan; ethi, 14 Mein Street, 16 conced (Sh) 20 Asset Manager, Las acted, 25 Dearie Me, 33 Torrado Innos, 40 Fen Bob (Sh), 50 Ledy locksier, Ment Cl Prophet, 13 ran, Shid, 34, M, 37, N, R Armstong at New-Instatt Torce PS-30, 51 70, 52 10, 51, 40, 37, 51 El B.D. Tho: E18,50, CSF: C36,87

F. T18,00 Fror F18,50. CSS: 128,37.

S. 50 (773-d) 1, WESBAH (B Hills, 7-2): 2.

Shelten (R Cochwine, 10-1): 3. Caphing im K Felion, 11-6 tay) ALSO RAN: 5-2 japital Princie (eth.), 14 Kriter Edge, 20 Japital Durin, 24 Stern Warming, Teroom (F30), 33 Bryerry Bund (stin, 50 Charlie's cicl., Noccold Joy, Northern Lass, 120,00, 13, 40, 141, 341, 61, B lankury at Neumarket Total 55-40, 200, 12-00, 11-10. DF: £16,70. Tho: 13-70. CSF £35,72

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arch, by a short head...

- THE PARTY SHEET

baby, and anything this year with the Duke, and no group

race is ever easy — but I hope

we're taking the softer option."
Toller, 43, can be forgiven caution as he embraces, with some incredulity, the sudden: challenge of nursing even one young colt towards a possible classic campaign. The Duke's unstinting patronage has been the only bedrock to 17 years of the frustration and misfortune familiar to so-many trainers, whose talents are obscured by

"Even Henry Cecil can only win a Derby if he has a Derby horse," Toller said. "But you can't get away from the fact that you also need some luck:

modest material.



BENNY THE DIP, winner a disappointing sixth to Pil-

Benny The Dip retired

sudski in the Dubai Champi-

on Stakes at Newmarket on

Saturday. As a result, plans

to run in the Breeders' Cup

Other than the Breeders'

Cup, the next few weeks will quicken, the pulse of Nat-ional Hunt followers as their

equine heroes increasingly retrieve the limelight from the Flat — starting today, either side of the Irish Sea.

race since wirming the Chel-

tenham Gold Cup in March

when he shoulders top

weight in the Desert Orchid

South Western Pattern

Chase at Wincanton. He was

well beaten on his reappear-

ance last season, in the Rehearsal Chase at Chep-

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

8.20 (im 2l 21 ye) 1, FAHS (A Claric, 9-1); 2, Karuhn (R Hills, 7-1); 3, Zusqudi (R Cochrane, 7-2 fay), ALSO RAN: 11-2 Patatat Styla (6th), 6 Top Jam, 7 Magic Combinetion, Oreiorification, 10 Fantal, 11 Florentino (4th), 14 Kalley Seror (5th), 33 Bedoum Honde, Scatter Cesson, 50 Chapta Experts 19 em 5 byl 2/14, 64 18

33 Begouin Homos, Scareg Crescent, 50 Classic Eagle, 13 ran, 5h hd, 214, hd, 14, 16, R Akahurst at Epsom, Tote: £8 95; £4,50, £2,70, £1,60, DF- £35,10, Trics £74,50, CSF: £70,25, Tricsest; £250 80.

Going: good to firm, good in piscee

2.00 (8) 1, Love Academy, S. Senders, 10-11 (ed), 2, Ryefield (11-2); 3, Arvil (9-2), 13 ran 144, 2, M Johnston: Total 180; 21-20, 21-80, 21-80, DF, 24-30. Tito: 23-20, CSF, £5-94.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HIGH TENSION

(3.10 Brighton)

Next best: Secret Spring: (4.10 Brighton)

Richard Rivers found a good-priced nap in Brambias Way (9-1) at H

E13.80 CSP. £15.00.

3.05 (8) 1, Always Alight (J F Egen, 11-1); 2, Misuche (14-1); 3, Alamisyah (11-2; 4, King Uno (8-1) Double Bounce 5-1 tax, 20 nan. Nr. 11/2 K Burke, Tota: £16.00; 22.70, £450. £250. £2.40 DF; £60 80. Thio: £112.40 CSF. £151.23. Thicast £886.99.

Trices: £898.99
9.35 (mi) 1, On The Green (Date Gibson, 12-1); 2, Southern Memodes (14-1), 3, Belle's Legaby (13-2), 4, Dispot Gern (7-1), Troign Hero 9-2 lav, 16 ran, NT Locksit, 2, 381, A Hide, Toter £15-50; 23-80, 23-50, 21-70, 22-00, DF: £164-80, Tric. £348.70, CSF: £15298. Tricast £1, 131-44.

21,131.44.
4.10 (50) 1, Mungo Park (J Fortune, 8-1);
2. Sue Me (12-1); 3, Mon Stuce (5-1);
5a/; 4. Southern Dominion (8-1);-bay. 20;
1211; 3); 2. Mrs. J Ramstien. Tota: 28,70;
62.10, E3.50, E2.10, E2.00, DF. 566.90;
Trior C148.90; CSF: CSS 35; Tricast:
1550.55.

Placepot: £73.20.

Newcastle ***

Quadoot; £5.00.

Mr M

Turf at Hollywood Park

have been abandoned.

gruelling a race at this stage of Mine is the Duke, who should nis career. He's still a bit of a write a manual for the ideal owner. Even with the orders is a bonus. I need to confirm it he gives me for the sales, however, luck remains important. Some yearlings that you maybe, turn out useless anyway. I'm sure we bid unsuccessfully for others before Teapor Row came into the

The two men's paths first crossed when the teenage Toller was learning the ropes with Bernard van Cuisem, who trained the great Park Top for the Duke. But it was years later when he became involved in one of the struggling new trainer's partnerships.

The horse split a pastern,"
Toller recalled. "The Duke wrote me a very nice letter, saying how sorry he was, and asking, if I could spare the time, whether I could take a look at a couple of yearlings at Side Hill Stud. I was, as you can imagine, round there in a

Toller, whose father. Charles, was a handicapper and clerk of the course, but the crossbar a few times during his years in Newmarket, notably with Lord Of The Field. But he must have feared himself condemned to remain James The Obscure when, a couple of seasons ago, he took his young family down to Hardy country The long, laborious road,

however, finally appears to

slow. But while Noel Chance

reports his stable star to be

short of his peak, he believes

him ready enough for this

low-key first step on the road

For he is opposed by just

four rivals, and only the

nseful Gales Cavaller is in

the handicap proper. If the

cobwebs are satisfactorily

blown away today, Mr Mul-

ligan will head straight to

Kempton for the King

Klairon Davis takes his sea-

sonal bow, under Richard

Dunwoody, in the Dunstown

Wood Chase. He surrendered his Queen Mother Champion Chase crown to

Martha's Son last season.

but should have little diffi-

Wassier, 25-1), 2, Essayuffaee (15-2); 3, Broctune Line (25-1); 4, Clued Lip (16-1), Muara Bay 11-4 fav. 19 ran. NR: Golden, Ace. 1 f4; nk. W McKacsen. Top. 220 70; 63:60, £1.50, £1.50, £3.60, DF (281.50, £1.50,

29,001,00. 5.10 (1m) 1, Monie (N Kermody, 9-1), 2, Chinour (4-1 lett); 3, Inkwell (12-1); 4, Paline (16-1), 17 mn, 141, nk, B Ellson Tota: £12.20, £2.90, £1.10, £3.10, £4.40, DF: £14.60, Trio; £81.20, CSF £45.47, Tricast £442.27.

Incest 244227.

\$40 (5m 2 35yd) 1, Brambias Wey (8 Copp. 9-1; Richard Evans's rep.; 2, Storntess (12-1); 3, Lepu-Lepu (6-1); 4, Fighting-Times (11-4 shy), 20 ran -11, rk Mrs M Reseley. Tota: \$11.50; \$2.10, \$2.90, \$150, \$2.20, \$2.50,

Jackpot: not won (pool of 100.257.27 current knowerd to Brighton lockly). Placapot: £200.50. Quadpot: £179.50.

220 (2n 6) Indie) 1, River Challenge fill Supple, 8-1); 2, Lombardic (evens tarl), 3, Moriandic (14-1), 10 ran, NR: Grey Smoles, 2, 7), 3 Upson, Tote: £11.40; £240, £1.10, £2.10. DF: £6.50 Tits: £10.80, CSF: £9.73.

2.55 (2m 31 hde) 1. The Brewer (R Bellsmy, 7-1); 2. The Minder (16-1); 3, Bielschlom Berd (7-2 lav), 13 ran, 11, 11, J Tuck Tate: 28.30; 22.20, 25.40; 22.50, DF: 284.30, Trio: 2140.70, CSF, 138.42, Tricest 2424.72

Going: good ...

culty in a weak race.

back to the Festival.

George VI Chase.

though, remarkably, his wonderful summer has not yet yielded the sort of harvest one might expect for someone who was always a decent fellow. long before he proved himself a decent trainer.

"There's been no flood of new owners, or anything," he said. "Perhaps they want to see that we can do it all again. Certainly, I need things to go right next year, one of these

ness. And don't forget Compton Place, who hasn't got the credit he deserved — he could improve again. I've got another nice pair of yearlings for the Duke, too. They've got quite an act to follow.



محدامن رالامل

Duck Row returns to the scene of his impressive debut at Newbury last month

2.05 Balladur. 2.30 Royal Action. 3.00 Galatasor Jane, 9,30 Optimism Reigns, 4.00 Mr Muliigen, 4.30 Spring To it, 5.00 Mrs Em.

THUNDERER

2.05 SOUTH-WEST RACING CLUB NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,730: 2m) (10 runners)

2.30 south-west racing club novices hundle (DIV II. £1,730: 2m) (10) 1 FP-5 KIRBY MICHISIDE 14 D Miney 5-10-12 _______ V 2 4 MASTER MILLFIELD 7 R Hodges 5-10-12 __ T Dissol 3 1-13 \$CRITISH BAMEI 13 (SF.O.F.S) P Webber 9-10-12

1-13 (CETTRIN BAMEI 13 (SF.D.F.S) P Webbu 9-10-12 A Thornton —

8 PRINCE (ONSKY 15 (SF) J Old 4-10-11 ... C Linvellyn 70 SDS- PROVINCE 216 C Marn 4-10-11 ... J Magne (3) 80 AB ROYAL ACTRON 1505 (SF) O Sharmood 4-10-11 J Magne (3) 80 OL4 FOLESCLAVE 10 J Rong 5-10-7 ... J Macchiny 98 OL4 FOLESCLAVE 10 J Rong 5-10-7 ... T J Macchiny 66 GALAZA 19 R Alzer 5-10-7 ... P Holley 66 P ManDOSA 7 M Planca 4-10-6 ... I Lawrence 0 WHSPERED MELODY 25F R Reports 4-10-8 ... A Magnin 80 Resident Action, 5-2 Percent Resident 4-10-10-8 ... A Magnin 80 Resident Action, 5-2 Percent Resident 4-10-10-8 ... A Versident Resident 2-4 9-4 Royal Action, 9-2 Portoe Kristy, 6-1 Waster MitMats, Scottish Bamin, 7-1 Province, 8-1 Mitraga, Whitepered Michaly, 20-1 others.

3.00 UP AND COMING STAYERS NOVICES CHASE

(£3,474: 3m 11 110yd) (6)

3.30 ORCHARD PM NOVICES HURDLE

(\$2,080: 201 6); (14)

1 4.4 SEURY PETREL 21 (5) 6 Mans 5-11-5 ... M A Rizgenski 108
2 -P2; 57 MELLIOM LESS/RE 18 (CO.7) M Hands 5-11-6 A Thorston 3 ARGUARLY 6 Badding 5-10-12 ... S Foot 40/960 ARTROLARS 7 4 hobbs 5-10-12 ... B Reson 7 65
5 1-22 LOSIDMOS 43 (6) 6 Badding 5-10-12 ... B Footon 106
6 E53-MY MICKY 711 C Polyson 6 16-12 ... B Power 7 7 6-2 OPTAMESM REGISTS 19 (8F. S) M Canace 6-10-12 ... B Power 8 69-POLIO REGIST 23 O Sterenood 5-10-12 ... W Marraton 9 ROYAL BARBE P Boust 7-10-12 ... W Marraton 9 ROYAL BARBE P Boust 7-10-12 ... W Marraton 9 ROYAL BARBE P Boust 7-10-12 ... W Marraton 9 ROYAL BARBE P Boust 7-10-12 ... M Melling 10 OP2 SOUTHERHMAY BOY 205 S Williams 6-10-12 ... S Melling 10 OP2 SOUTHERHMAY BOY 205 S Williams 6-10-12 ... S Melling 13 IP-2 VA DEL GLARITON 18 (6) J Melling 5-10-7 ... David Tutter (7) 14 F THE 50LTY BARBARD 17 R Anne 4-10-6 ... P Healing 64 December Melling 5-10-7 ... David Tutter (7) 14 C THE 50LTY BARBARD 17 R Anne 4-10-6 ... P Healing 16 ST DEL DEL DESCRIPTION 18 S MEMBER 18 SIM Melling 18 SIM Melli 210.80. CSF: £9.73.
2.55 (27 1) 110/pt hele) 1. Distant Storm (5 Powed, 16-1); 2. Damss (2-1 lad), 3. Staplatord Lady (9-1), 10 ran. MR. Persian Dawn. 141, 43 if B Llewellyn. Tota: £15.00; £4.10; £1.20, £2.50. DF: £24.10. Tito: £142.20. CSF: £44.30. Tricest £292.05. 25 (2m 61 110yd ch) 1. Dr. Leumt (P. Durswoody, 4-7 law), 2. Millicroit Regatis £5-11; 3. Tour Leader (16-1), 7 ran. 81, 134, P Hobbs. Tota: £1.40; £1.80, £7.70. DF: £25.10. CSF: £21.29

4.00 DESERT ORCHID SOUTH WESTERN PATTERN CHASE (Limited handicap: £18,660; 2m 51) (5)

Events My Molitigues, 13-8 Gales Canadier 11-2 Texas, 13-2 Glarrot, 400-1 Gabish.

4.30 GARETH & JESSICA CHARLES JONES HANDICAP CHASE (£4,104; 3m 11 110yd) (6)

5.00 FIONA BROWN MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE

9.4 Material Agreement, 3-1 Trust Deed, 7-2 Spring To 8, 4-1 Steamen Rheal, 11-2 Hillbeart, 8-1 Sofield

TRAINERS: O Sistemand, 11 minuters from 34 remains, 32 4%; M Pipe, 41 hors 142, 28,5%; Miss, J Pipens, 14 horn 63, 22,2%; P Nicholsi, 24 horn 129, 18,8%; J King, 7 horn 39, 17,9%, J Chd, 3 horn 17, 17,6%; N Technic-Dentis, 9 horn 51, 17,6%;

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THUNDERER 2.20 Prairie Minatrei. 2.50 Mozemo. 3.20 Robert's Toy. 3.50 Rustic Gent. 4.20 Hillswick. 4.50 Sparking Spring. 5.20 Diamond Hall.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.20 HALFORD JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0; £2,360; 2m) (6 runners)

2-1 Pointe Fine, 5-2 Pointe Minstral, 3-1 Buryffum, 7-1 Kingdom Emperor, 8-1 West And Sec, 14-1 Jayannay

2.50 COURT OF HILL AMATEUR RIDERS

HANDICAP CHASE (92,884: 2m 4f) (9) 1 44-5 LAKE OF LOUGHREA 24 (BJBF,CD,F,6) K Belley 7-12-7 2-1 Mozeno, 8-1 Late Of Loughron Vinlogh Gele, 7-1 Inch Emparor, Passeoli, Sta Frest, 8-1 Miners Rick, 10-1 pilots.

3.20 FARMERS STORES HANDICAP HURDLE

2 2:22 ROBERT'S TOV 19 (8:25°,0.F.8.8) M Pipe 6-12-0 _ C Maude 2 2-36 PERCY BRAITHWAITE 8 (CD.F) Ness P White 6-11-4 3 AP3- SHERWOOD BOY 432 (CD.F.8) K Bulay 8-11-3 N Williamson 4 U-42 SOURRE'S OCCASION 15 (8.0.F) R Curis 4-10-6 R Johnson 2-1 Robert's Tay, 5-2 Squee's Decement, 3-1 Shenwood Bay, 7-2 Percy Brattmate

3.50 CASTLE SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,626: 2m) (9)

4 UP-U DAYS OF THUNDER 5 (D.F.G) Mrs 5 Oodl 9-11-1 J Collobs 5 PLEP HALHAM TARM 12 (D.S) H Manees 7-11-0 ... A Dowling (7) 7 DG2 BROWN BALLOF ELSA (D.F.) D Becket 9-10-13 J R Romano 7 DG2 BROWN BALLOF ELSA (D.F.) J De Gles 11-10-3 Mr R Waldey (5) 8 BEZ-4 BROWN BALLOF ELSA (D.F.) J De Gles 11-10-3 Mr R Waldey (5) 8 BEZ-4 BROWN BALLOF ELSA (D.F.) J De Gles 11-10-3 Mr R Waldey (5) 8 BEZ-4 BROWN BALLOF ELSA (D.F.) J De Gles 11-10-3 Mr R Waldey (5) 8 BEZ-4 BROWN BALLOF ELSA (D.F.) J De Gles 11-10-3 Mr R Jahmson B Jahmson R Jahms

4.20 HAZLIN DOORS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,360: 2m 5l 110yd) (10)

#URTOLE (\$2,380: 2m 51 110yd) (1U)

1 108 TWKISHT SLEEP 30 (F) M Pice 5-11-10 ... C Misordo

2 2123 BLATANT OLITBURST 17 (V.BF.F.G) Misor 8 Willon 7-11-5

3 4-FP KHALIKHOUM 8 St. J Barton El 4-11-4 ... J R Kingaragh

4 02-0 DON'T TELL TOM 18 H Haynes 7-11-2 ... R Thombon (3)

5 50(3 RAGAMARF 27 P Hobbs 5-11-1 ... G Tombey

6 1331 SALCY MUM 17 (D.F.G) P Hell 5-10-11 ... E Husburd (3)

7 4502 SWEET CISEAUX 9 (8) P Bombe 4-10-7 ... R Jumpan

8 1451 DAUPHIN BLEU 14 (CD.F.G.S) J Boodby 11-10-7 ... Missing (7)

3 Cadioby 4-1 Hillsweck, 9-2 Blatani Derbursi, 5-1 Ragamuli, 6-1 Washingum, 7-1 Saxey Nov. Sweet Cissous. Dauphin Blex, 8-1 others

4.50 GRETE NOVICES CHASE (£2,827: 2m 4l) (6)

5.20 CLUN INTERMEDIATE NATIONAL HUNT 1 Bi- DEAMOND HALL 197 (0.F) & Busta 4-11-10 ... B McSann (7)
2 AITHAM BLUNDER À Caroll 5-11-4 ... Michael Brennan (3)
3 O- THE KERRY LEDGEND 165 N Chance 4-11-3. M Scales (7)
4 CORRE ON MARSHA & Bridgenier 5-10-13 R Massiny (3)
1-3 Diagnond Hall, 11-2 The Yeny Ledgend, 8-1 Come On Mazzma, 12-1 Authenn Stonder

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANERS: K Bailey. 21 wineers from 77 numers, 27,3%; M Prob. 22 learn 84, 76,2%. R Curlis, 4 hoor 16, 25,0%, lifess P Whitle, 3 hom 14, 21,4%, P Hoots, 12 from 67, 17,5%; R Hodges, 8 from 45, 17,8%; #UCKEYS: N Williamson, 14 whoers from 62 rides, 22.6%; C Maude, 4 from 22, 18.2%; R Massey, 6 from 41, 14.5%, J Kavarragh, 8 from 64, 12.5%, S Wyone, 9 from 82, 11.0%, Cnly qualifiers.

☐ Salmon Ladder and Kutta, first and second in the Perpetual St Simon Stakes last year, will meet again in the group three race at Newbury on Saturday. Kutta, who was beaten threequarters of a length last year, is reported to be in good shape despite not having raced since August

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

3.40 Multi Franchise 4.10 SECRET SPRING (nap) 4,40 Random Kindness 3.10 High Tension

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.10 VANISHING TRICK. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 HADITH (nap). 4.10 Toulours Riviera.

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.10 Silversmith

2.40 Radar

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TO PYECOMBE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

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SILVERSMITH has the best form and should have no brouble with the mora lurining

2.40 ALDRINGTON NURSERY HANDICAP

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(6) 094694 CH SO EASY 7 (B) (Essyrall Partnership No 2) R Machina 9-5 ... M Tebburg
(4) 25024 MONTANO 17 (So George Meynch) P Cole 9-4 ... T Cameri
(5) 500 CRADIUSE 18 (1) Careyi M Charmon 9-4 ... U Thank
(6) 6850 ROYAL NITERVIEW 6 (66) Partnership) M Charmon 9-3 ... R Partnership
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(10) 300050 UP THE WALL 9 (T Conners) John Berry 8-12 ... J Claim
(11) 05020 COURSEL 6 (Wyck Hall Stud) C British 8-12 ... R Mellan (5)
(10) 00051 L'AUREN'S LAD 20 (B.D.) (Mr.) McCallay 6 Leuis 8-11 ... Paul Ecdery
(10) 00055 SASSY 37 (G) (M Merton la Jarro 8-10 ... S Drawne

BETTRIES: 7-2 Lauren's Lad. 5-1 Prantorium Gold. 7-1 Miss Mullett. 8-1 Montamo. 10-1 Rader Sessy, 14-1 Oh Sc Eury, Latin Templer. 16-1 others. 1996: RUMBUSTIQUE 8-8 Dans Official (100-30 Lav) R Hamon 13 ran

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HADITH has shown useful form and can go one better provided Stage Whisper Isn't smart

3.40 RACE HILL SELLING HANDICAP (£2.070: 1m 1/ 209yd) (20 runners)

1945: NO CURRESPONDERS PLACE

FORM FOCUS

Satecracker 111 4th of 8 to Rex Mands in 11em Wolvariampion states (AW) Missy Rain 64d 9th to Potar Prospect in 1m 11em Soodsmost handlesp (good) Sode Pop 514: 6th to Statapet in 15em Folkestone seller (good) Matti Franchise 34d 4th to Toujours Riviera in 1m handlesp here (firm), Cabcharge Blue 14d 3rd to Hartespin Walk in 1m Goodwood claimer (good to 6rm) with Without Friends (6th better oft) 44d 7th and Memory's Music (4th better oft) 111 4th Mission Heights 84d 4th to Fighting Threes in 1m 3t Warwick claimer (good to firm) with Desiree (3th better oft) 171 10th and Kirov Protege (3th better oft) 321 14th

PICEUANT will appreciate this drop in class

4.10 HANNINGTONS OF BRIGHTON LIMITED STAKES

(£3,646: 71 214yd) (9 runners) 501 (3) 4246131 TOLLOURS RIVERA 25 (CD.F.6) (Embcco) J Phase 7-9-6 ... G Bardwall 502 (2) 3110200 Stangen Appl 30 Appl (3) 4246131 TOLLIOUS SPAFFIA 25 (CD.F.6) Endison) J Pairtz 7-9-6.
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[9] 5-30000 MILHANDIS 51 (F) (F Hill) 6 L Moore 4-9-0.
[5] 5000-36 SCREET SPRING 19 (D) (M George F Hodger 5-4-0.
[6] -265002 SHAMAMAC 27 (F.G.) (R Inserti S Moore 5-9-0.
[6] 4104335 DIRDGE 17 (G) (Shelib Motammord B Hill: 3-8-11.
[7] 50-150 GALBIS 37 (Mathemat Al-Shearter) R Harmon 3-8-11.
[8] 0-22400 UNDERCOVER AGENT 19 (G) (J Roserbern) J Dunlop 3-8-8.
[1] -020033 VANISHING TRICK 74 (G.F.) (Cherche Shall H Cert 3-6-8.

BETTIME: 3-1 Secret Spring, 9-2 Undercover Agent, 5-1 Vanishing Trick, 6-1 Tourous: Rivera, 7-1 others

Toulours Rhiera beat Tael Ol Silver neck in 1m handicap here film? Sword Arm 5½1 7th to Khabaq in 71 Goodwood handicap (good to firm). Shamanie 3/ 2nd to Anuthan in 71 Kewcastle states (good to firm). Shamanie 3/ 2nd to Anuthan in 71 Kewcastle states (good to firm). Dunded 7½1 5th to Jay-Owe-Two in 1m Portetract handicap (good to firm). Varishing Trick 2½/ 3rd to Sadders. Hope in 1½m Yambuth handicap (good to firm).

SECRET SPRING has good chance on his creditable Heismarket effort

4.40 FRIENDS OF QUEENS PARK APPRENTICE HANDICAP

BETTING 11-4 Random Kindness, Newport Kinght, 6-1 Be True, 7-1 Sapphire Son, 8-1 Obera Bull, 10-1 others. 1996: COLOUR COUNSELLOR 3-8-8 C Addreson (15-2) R Flower 13 ran

Opera Buff 111 Sth to Polar Champ in 1½m Wolverhampton handicap (AW) Ciro's Pearl 63/1 4th to Token Dancer in 1½m Hamilton handicap (good). Random Kindness beat Crol Liberty 3/1 in 1m33/1 Implied amaleur stakes (firm) with Newport Kingiri (3th better off) 3/1 4th Lookingtorarainbow 111 9th to Siberian Myssic in 1½m Ponteltrad appreciate bandicap (good to firm). Sapphure Son neck 2nd to Opera Buff (2th worse off) in 1½m Brighton hamilicap (good to firm). Bewitching Lady neck 2nd to Father Dan in 1½m Brighton chairner (firm). Be True heat Drift 141 in 1½m Brighton manden handicap (firm).

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Kilimanjaro heads betting

THE Michael Stoute-trained Kilimanjaro has been made favourite by Ladbrokes to redeem his reputation in Saturday's group one Racing Post

Trophy at Doncaster. The Shirley Heights colt is 7-2 with Aidan O'Brien's Sara- behind Teapor Row, seemingtoga Springs at 4-L Mudeer ly finding the fast ground and Mutamam are both 9-2 against him.

followed by 6-1 Little Indian, 7l Craigsteel, 8-1 Mountain Song. 12-1 Quiet Assurance. . 9-4 favourite for the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot last month but finished fourth

Kilimanjaro was sent off the

Tricast 2424.72
4.30 (2m if 110yd ch) 1, Keep Me In Mind (C Mesude, 14-1): 2, Casserre Boy (16-1), 3, Tight Fist (13-2). Trouvaile 5-2 lie 11 ran. Hd, 4l. N. Mitchell. Tota: 13.20; 23.10, 68.6, 51.90. DF. £43.20. Tric. £58 70 CSF: £170.41. Tricast: £1,381.11. Casserre Boy Inisted first but after a stewards' inquiry was disqualified and placed second: 5.00 (2m if 110yd hdle) 1; Thickney (A Meguira, 9-4 tay); 2, If's Wallace (25-1); 3, Effectual (5-2). Tricast. 15, 11. D. Nicholson Tota: £4.20; £1.50, £2.80, £2.10 DF: £98.60. Tric: £178.60. CSF. £2.86.8. 4.40 (1m 2i \$2yd) T, Vanadium Ore (J | Placepot £42.80. Quadpot £22.30. 5-4 Mars Eco., 15-8 Indian Jockey, 4-1 Beacon Flight, 5-1 Salley.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

JOCKEYS: 1 Commins, 5 access from 7 rides, 71,4%, A McCoy, 15 foon 80, 18,8%, A Thomas, 5 foom 25, 14,3%, 8 Farnad, 7 from 51, 13,7%, T Basconbe, 9 form 89, 13,0%; A Maguete, 8 from 65, 12,3%; W Manston, 5 from 41, 12,2%.

BLOWERED FIRST TIME Brighton: 240 On So Easy 3.40 Selectacker, Blowing Away, Soda Fop.

MOTOR RACING

Overlords keeping watch on decider

hugely amused 'o Italian media had given him a new nickname: Don Corleone. Notoriety evidently has its attractions, which neutralise the accompanying slur that he has manipulated the world Formula One championship for his own Machiavellian

He immediately telephoned Bernie Ecclesione, his partner in the transformation of the most commercially successful of modern sports, "They just call you The Godfather, don't they?" he asked, with a chuckle, "Apparently I'm important enough to have a

The conspiracy theory that Jacques Villeneuve should have been denied the chance to compete against Michael Schumacher in the winner-takes-all contest for the title at Jerez on Sunday because he defied disqualification to race in Japan, has one significant fault. The authority of Messrs Mosley and Ecclestone has such scope that it would be used more subtly, if really required.

As president of the FIA. the governing body of motorsport, Mosley wields ultimate political power. Ecclestone, nominaily FIA's vice-president for promotional affairs, has matchless financial muscle. They will use their influence only if the credibility of the race on Sunday, which will attract a television audience in excess of 350 million, is compro-

Controversy might generate column inches, but any whiff of artifice where the world title is concerned would appall the multinational sponsors on whom the sport depends. Any temptation Schumacher might have to repeat the antics of 1994 and run Villeneuve off the road to win the championship is unlikely to survive Mosley's statement of intent.

"It's almost impossible not to have a hint of controversy in this situation." he said "So much is in the hands of the competitors themselves. I'd be very surprised if the chamoionship ended in some sort of accident, but if someone does something

"It's a magnificent situation, because anything can happen. Whichever one wins will be excellent news for Formula One. Schumacher and Ferrari have aroused tremendous interest in Italy and Germany. Villeneuve is important because he is a link to North America, where interest has tended to ebb and flow."

Mosley has heard the whispers that the Canadian may be tempted to





on the power brokers of Formula One

ignore his 1998 Williams contract and return to IndyCar racing in a fit of pique. The cynics surmise that a Formula One world title would be a highly marketable commodity in North America during a fallow year before the launch of the BAT-backed Formula One team assembled by Craig Pollock, Villeneuve's manager.

Mosley is sanguine, because of the fanciful nature of such rumours, but he retains a sense of perspective. "Losing Villeneuve from Formula One wouldn't matter." he said. "If he went to another form of racing, no problem. Drivers come and go all the time."

Such a statement, taken out of context, would appear to justify the theory that Villeneuve has paid a heavy price for his unorthodox approach. and trenchant criticism of FIA's stewardship of Formula One. Those seeking evidence of a vendetta against him have not been slow to highlight the charade of his disqualification at Suzuka for what they regard as a marginal offence. failing to slow for a yellow

warning flag.
"I think Villeneuve is everything a racing driver should be." Mosley said, disarmingly. "I thoroughly approve of him.
He doesn't like anyone attempting to slow him down, which is quite right. He takes

enormous business."

Schumacher and Villeneuve

irreverent, view of the govern-ing body, which is entirely appropriate. "Others agree with him, but

will not say such things, because they are not politically correct. He doesn't care, and that's admirable. Where the line has to be drawn is if he goes over the top. It is not what he says that matters, but the manner in which he expresses his opinions. I have a responsibility to the sport as a whole, and it involves big companies. who expect a more measured

approach.
It is equally right and proper that I should protect him, or act when he puts other people in danger. If he ignores a yellow flag he not only maintains the risk of injuring himself, but also the marshalls in the area. They are volunteers, married men with wives and children.

"Sure, Jacques will go back to North America at some stage. It will be a pity, because I can't help but like him. But he has got to understand that being a racing driver is a twoway process. I quite understand why he wants a special rule book, for him and him alone, but he can't have one."

The team owners, who are squabbling over the proceeds for the proposed Formula One floration with all the dignity of deranged ferrets, have been given a similarly stark reality check. Mosley met them last Friday, and responded to murmurs of mutiny by imposing a December deadline for entries to next year's championship.

The teams can't expect to have everything" he said. "The reason why Formula One has been so successful is that it has been managed by Bernie. He has made them all a fortune and, consequently, is entitled to make himself a larger fortune. In the longer term he will also make the FIA a nice few hob.

This is a global business which has been through a very entreprenurial phase, and is about to enter a managerial phase. Flotation would ensure that the administration of Formula One is not a matter of

mystery any more. It would bring everything out into the open, and, with a centralised marketing structure, create an

The "nice lew bob" he referred to is likely to be around \$300 million around £200 million], FIA's agreed cut of ten per cent from any flotation. Investment income from such a windfall is earmarked for safety programmes. Don Corleone and his chums understood the power of mutual but were, it in the wrong



David Hardy, of The London Clearing House, plays a delicate shot out of a bunker at the 14th at Mentmore yesterday

Practice makes imperfect day

OH, the excitement of it. If the rolling acres of Mentmore Golf and Country Club in leafy Bedfordshire had been a Victorian maiden yesterday, she would have keeled over with an attack of the vapours. There was a hole in one that

could have won its perpetrator a car, there was the disqualification of a member of the same man's team before he had even struck a ball and, just as an added bonus, there was the winning of the Northern Home Counties final of The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge with the highest score yet of the regional final series.

hole in one at the 18th, eventually decided to donate

TENNIS

women to

field

best team

WITH Greg Rusedski and

Tim Henman stealing the

limelight at every available turn, the plight of British women's tennis has lurked

quietly in the wings, hoping

no one would take too much

notice. Compared to the men

However, when it comes to

the Maureen Connolly Cup. the under-2i version of the

now defunct Wightman Cup.

Britain has a record to wave

proudly in front of its critics.

They may only have won seven of the 24 matches played since 1973, but they have won the past four ties

and are flexing their muscles

Britain will field its strongest available squad, led by the national No 2, Lorua

Woodroffe, ranked No 149 in

the world. The Americans are

taking matters a little more lightly. Given that they could call up the likes of Venus

Williams, they are relying on a team of college players of whom only Jackie Trail has

achieved anything at Grand Slam level, competing in the

It is all a far cry from the days when the competition started. In 1975, when Britzin

won for the first time, the

Sue Barker. By 1989 the gulf between the two nations at senior level was so wide that the competition was suspend-

Now it is left to the under-21s to fly the flag and hope

that the experience they gain will help them in the rather

more important matter of

gaining points on the wom-

Mandy Wainwright has the

experience. She has been a regular in the squad since 1992 and has been a linchpin

in the last four successes and

has only been beaten once in fifteen rubbers. In her last

appearance in the competi-

tion - she is now a veteran of 21 - she will be hoping to go

out with a flourish.

team contained a promi young player by the name of

US Open this year.

in a parlous state.

Steve Hodgson, who had a

even get the chance to get that far. He was caught putting on the 18th green before he started his round, not a crime against society, perhaps, but none the less one that was enough to get him thrown out of the competition. Nobody is allowed to practise on the tournament golf course before a strokeplay event, and the Stableford for-

charity, thus preserving his

amateur status, Stuart Cun-

ningham, his City Financial

mat under which the tournament is played constitutes such an event. The disconsolate Cunningham did not know the rule, he said, Sadly, ignorance of the rules is not an excuse, and out he had to go. Meanwhile, there was noth-

Electronics UK, who claimed a momentous victory with 90 points, four ahead of Novartis and five in front of E. E. and Brian Smith. They did not have any holes in one, but on the other hand did not get disqualified and did win a place in the national final at La Manga in November.

two-balls scored well on onehalf of the course, Malcolm Hanson and Inus Oosthuizen playing the front nine well and Tony leffery and David Ball acquitting themselves proudly on the homeward half

"We thought six points a hole would certainly do it," Hanson said. "As it turned

Flanson said. "As it turned out, we managed to win with an average of tive."

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SQUASH

Wright decision pays off

SUE WRIGHT'S decision to leading women to contest the Australian Open in Mel-bourne after the Women's World Open finished in Sydney last weekend was entire-ly justified in the eyes of her National Squash League colleagues on Tuesday evening. when she clinched a win for Mitsubishi Electric Potters Bar 3-2, against the highly-fancied Armourcolour Priory

Wright the England No 2 who lost in the world open semi-finals to the eventual winner, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, recovered from the long flight home well enough to defeat Alison Wray, of Priory, 5-9, 9-7, 9-4, 9-4 in the fifth-string omen's rubber.

With Peter Marshall close to inflicting a career first whitewash on John Ransome by winning 9-0, 9-2 at first BY COUR MOQUILLAN

string for Priory, and Clive Leach following up with a 9-1, 9-2, 5-9, 9-7 second-string home victory over Jamie Davis, the resilience of Wright in her first league appearance of the season could well prove vital later. 'We have won the Nat-

ional League title for the past two years," Wright said. There is no doubt we are the best fighting league team in England, probably the world. We are all keen to make it three in a row." Wright's team analysis

could scarcely be more accurate. Potters Bar is the team that simply refuses to lie down. Ransome, whose returns from positions of seemingly certain defeat, were constant highlights of the last two campaigns, struggled doggedly to rescue the couple

of points from his last game gainst Marshall.

The former world No 2 stayed home from PSA World Tour events in Egypt and Kowait to save himself for the world open in Malaysia next month, which he hopes will finally mark his competitive return from two years of chronic latigue syn-drome. His ruthless ap-proach to the combative Ransome in his first appearance for his new league team suggested his planning was working well.

In another group A fixture, Duffield opened their ac-count with a resounding 5-0 win over Ilkley, the newly elected Yorkshire club, with Hadrian Stiff leading the line and Jane Martin winning the women's fifth string.

In group B, Broxbourne won 3-2 against Bishop's

Crenshaw as captain for 100 for 1999

BY JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE US PGA has wasted no time in naming its captain for the 1999 Ryder Cup. The appointment of Ben Crenshaw to lead the United States against Europe in Boston was announced yesterday, less than one month after Tom Kite's team was defeated 1412 to 1312 in Spain and more than one month earlier than has been traditional in recent

Crenshaw, who has competed in four Ryder Cups, is something of a surprise because his name was not prominent among a list of contender chought to include Hale Irwin, Curus Strange, Larry Nelson, and Kite for a second time.

Irwin, however, is having a stellar year on the Seniors Tour, with eight victories, and is considered to be too far removed from competitors on the regular Tour. Although Strange has a connection with The Country Club in Brookline, where the 1999 match will be played, in that it was where he won the first of his successive US Open championships, his singles defeat in 1995 by Nick Faldo when he was I up with two holes to play and last may have been held against him.

In Crenshaw — a polite retiring Southerner who, like Kite, went to the University of Texas - the US appears to have replaced one easy-going man who was determined that his players should enjoy themselves and have the experience of a lifetime with another. If there are doubts about Crenshaw, they are about whether he can be tough enough.

The captaincy of Severiano

Ballesteros — who made his resignation from the position resignation both the position official yesterday — contribut-ed significantly to Europe's triumph and was in marked contrast to Kite's style of captaincy. It is now felt in certain quarters in the US that Kite was too benevolent and not dictatorial enough. Kite's team, for instance, suffered from a lack of knowledge of Valderrama: furthermore, there was criticism that he did not play his best players enough. Only Tiger Woods played in all five matches whereas four Europe players were used in each match.

record in this competition, having lost eight of the 12 matches in which he has played. He now divides his time between competing, commentating on golf for CBS and designing golf



Crenshaw: surprise choice · as Ryder Cup captain

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The cup starts in Man-chester today. GREAT BRITAINE L Woodrolle (Surrey): L Lotimer (Warwingknet: M Welmunght (Essed, A James (Essex); A Toxfolf (Kark) UNITED STATES: S Mebry (Texas): J Trail Warmington M Cartele Write (South Cart)

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2.30pm two days prior to

Indians freeze on big stage



Sheffield hits a mighty home run to open the scoring for the Marlins. He also made a stunning catch during a fine all-round performance

FROM KEITH BLACKMORE. IN CLEVELAND

SANTA Claus joined the crowd at Jacobs Field for game three of the World Series and he hardly seemed out of place. Santa, or possibly an impersonator, may have been two months early but in his furlined coat he was certainly dressed for the weather. Only the players failed to enter the lestive spirit, producing one of the poorest games played in the 94-year history of the

Still, it is a cold wind that blows nobody any good and the Florida Marlins were the beneficiaries of an icy blast that swept them to a 14-11 victory over the Cleveland Indians. They lead the best-of-

Cleveland literally froze on the big occasion. Baseball may be the game for the Boys of Summer and the World Series may be the Fall Classic but no one on the shores of Lake-Erie would mistake late October for anything but the beginning of winter.

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The temperature at the start. of the game on Tuesday night was recorded at 49F, but the

wind chill factor was put at 29 degrees. By the final inning of what was, at four hours and 12 minutes, the second longest nine-inning game in series

history, it was down to

Nobly, or foolishly, the losing manager, Mike Hargrove refused to blame the weather. That was just about as ugly a game as you will ever see but I don't attribute that to the weather." he said. "It was just poor play. Both teams just outiglied each other.

He was right about the play, wrong about the weather. The freezing temperatures were clearly influential and turned what should have been a dramatic confrontation into knockabout comedy. Each team made three errors, all of . signifigant

and some of them laughable. The pitchers, however, were not laughing. They were too bus blowing on their hands and covering their heads in shame as one after another they failed to produce the kind



them multimillion dollar salaries for simply throwing a ball

fast and accurately.

It is said that when baseball managers die their headstones always say: "Bases on balls put me here." If that is true then Hargrove and his opposite number, Jim Leyland, should get their affairs in order. (A batter takes a base on balls, literally "walking" to

GAME THREE DETAILS

By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Vladimir Kramnik can also be well pleased with his perfor-

mance at Tilburg, one which reinforces his claims to be the

rightful challenger to Garry

Kasparov's throne. In today's

game, Kramnik tries a new

method in a well-known line

of the Nimzo-Indian Defence.

White is surprisingly subject-

ed to a kingside attack, which Kramnik duly translates into

an enduring grip for the

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Black: Vladimir Kramnik Tilburg, October 1997 Nimzo-Indian Defence

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White: Joel Lautier

Kramnik's novelty

Winning pitcher: Dernie Cook, Losing pitcher: Eric Plunk Marquis Grissom,

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four pitches out of the strike zone.) The Indians gave up eight walks, the Marlins,

Al Leiter, the Marlins start-

er, never got a grip and was gone before the end of the fifth inning, but by then he had already managed to commit-the pitcher's cardinal sin of loaded the bases and walked in a run, all without giving up a hit. He had also committed a fielding error that eventually cost a run. And he was playing on the winning

Charles Nagy, the Indians starter, left the game after six innings with a two-run lead but he had given up four walks, walked in a run and generally pitched like a man who would have preferred to be at home sucked

> By the time the score was 7-7, the Marlins having done well to recover being 7-3 down. Then the indians fell apart.

up with a hot-water

Jim Thome and Tony Fernandez all made errors on routine plays that cost runs and the Marlins added seven to their

total. In the bottom of the

inning, the Indians scored

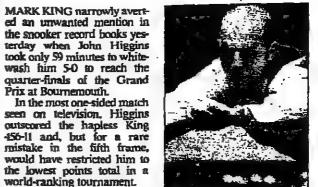
four themselves but it was of

Lost in all this frozen ineptitude was a performance of the highest class by Gary Shef-field, the Marlins right fielder. He hit a mighty home run to open the Mariins scoring. drove in five runs in all and made a stunning catch at the right-centre wall to deprive Thome of what would have been his second home run of the night at a time when it might have mattered. On an otherwise unhappy night for the Indians, Grissom extended his World Series hitting streak to 15 games, just two

short of the record. The Marlins at least went to bed happy, knowing that they could not lose the series without first returning to the warmth of Florida. A quick look at the weather forecast might have frozen the smiles on their faces. It was expected to be even colder for game four, with the possibility of snow showers.

SNOOKER

Higgins topples King with ruthless assault



King: nightmare defeat

notoriety by scoring only eight points when losing 5-0 to Paul

When Higgins initiated the scoring in the fifth frame yesterday with a break of 31, Bradley's dubious distinction was under threat. Higgins, unaware of the statistic, then

over-cut a black. By potting red and black, King escaped the ignominy and octupled his previous highest break of the match. He then missed the next red.

ing. Every time I played safe, John seemed to knock in a long red."

During the qualifying competition for the 1992 Welsh There was a sense of deja vu when Higgins, the world No 2, finished ruthlessly with Open, Graham Bradley, of a break of 53. At the same Keighley, gained a certain

corresponding round of the International Open, he had outscored Ken Doherty, the present world champion, 455-

34 during another 5-0 victory. The manner of Higgins's win yesterday was in marked contrast to his third-round encounter with Quinten Hann, of Australia, whom he defeated 5-4 after being 4-1

"What happened against Quinten gave me a kick up the backside," Higgins said. "I did everything right and everything went wrong for Mark He just didn't seem to sende down at all."

Higgins will meet Drago or John Read for a emi-final place.

Chris Small rallied from 2-0 down to beat Alfie Burden 5-2. It is the first time that Small, the world No 25, has figured in a ranking event quarterfinal for almost three years. He goes forward to meet

Dominic Dale. Embassy, sponsors of the world championship since 1976, are to sponsor the worldranking list, which, unlike previous years, will be updatafter each of the eight relevant tournaments this season. Ad hoc awards will be made to rapid climbers.

BOXING

venue in February 1995, in the

Chernobyl bout for Nelson

JOHNNY NELSON, the Sheffield cruiserweight, will have to defend his European title in Chernobyl. Nelson, who has appeared in almost every boxing capital in the world, would normally not have any qualms about entering the other man's back yard, but this time he would have been happier if Frank Warren, his promoter, had won the purse bid and given him home Nelson is not looking for-

the snooker record books yes-

In the most one-sided match

world-ranking tournament.

At the mid-session interval King, runner-up in the Regal Welsh Open last season, had

potted three reds: one in the

first frame, two in the third. Higgins had played solidly, with runs of 67, 54, 55 and 54.

King had also missed a

straightforward black and,

presented with a gilt-edged,

break-building opportunity in the fourth, an elementary red

"It was a real nightmare," he said. "At least I'll be able to

play football on Sunday morn-

to a middle pocket.

Prix at Bournemouth.

ward to meeting his opponent, Alexander Gurov, of Ukraine, in or near Gurov's home town. When Nelson heard that Frank Maloney, Warren's bit-ter rival, had decided to stage the bout in the area that gained worldwide notoriety aiter a nuclear explosion that produced fallout that affected northern Europe, he said: "Oh my gosh. I can't understand why he wants to put it [the contest] on there.

"I don't think I'll go there too early for the build-up.

FOR THE RECORD



Nelson: unhappy about title defence in Ukraine

simply fly in the day before and fly out immediately after the fight. What is the water safe? I think I'll take two suitcases, one with my clothes and the other with food and "I'm not normally bothered

sparred with Gurov, but this is different. They are taking a big gamble putting him in against me but this could

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Today's hand is straightforward - all declarer had to do was make a plan. Brian Jackson, one of the best players in the £10 game at TGR's, benefited from declarer's failure to do so.

Dealer West East West game Rubber bridge

PKJS3 +1072 40J54 TIN & *A54-VQ2 +03864 +A93 : 4K10976 *KQJ10763

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Declarer has six tricks in spades and three in hearts. So to make a tenth he has to assume East has the ace of diamonds. At the table declarer won the heart lead with the ace and led the king of spades. Jackson (West) ducked, and took the next spade. He continued with a second heart that declarer had to win in dummy. Whether he played a diamond or a club, East could get in to give West a heart ruff. and the contract went down. As Jackson points out, all

the second heart in hand to draw the remaining trump. He still has a third-round entry in hearts to lead up to the king of diamonds. ☐ Midway through the quali-fying stage of the world cham-

pionships, the Great Britain women are well placed in the Venice Cup. A 15-15 draw with France, the leaders, was followed by a 246 win over Taiwan and a further 17-13 win against Australia. 🕝 LEADING POSITIONS: 1, France 146 VPc; 2, Canade 142, 3, United States 1 141; 4, Great Britain 138; 5, United States II 135, 6, China 133.

declarer had to do was win the ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on first heart in dummy. Now if bridge Monday to Friday in West ducks the first spade. Sport and in the Weekend declarer continues the suit; the section on Saturday. difference is that he can win

WORD-WATCHING

Diagram of final position

Noô Kd7

WINNING WOVE

By Philip Howard

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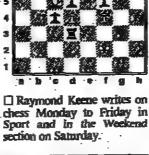
s. A tropical guat a Plantain dough . A frilly frock

ADRET a. A summy slope b. A picture-hook C A mountain spring

CHUREL ... a. Garlic soup c An Anglo-Saxon servant

Answers on page 46

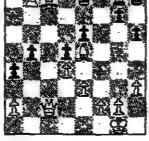
Solution on page 46



By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Reti - Fahrni, Mannheim 1914

The key to this position is White's extremely strong bishop on e5. Can you see how he now exploited the power radiated by this piece to score a quick victory?



EXETER: International match: England 2 Chlim 3 (England names Inst J Davies and N Beck lost to Liu Zhong and Huang Hanyan 14-17, 13-18; P Knowles at 3 language 15-7, 15-12; C Hunt and S Anther to Cheng Rus and Xia Xuaron 15-5, 15-8, 18 Matm lost to Pt Hongyan 4-11, 4-11; J Rubertson and L Cole lost to Zhu Feng and Huang 15-11, 15-18, 2-15) China inad states 3-0.

BADMINTON

BASEBALL WORLD SERIES: Flands 14 Constant 11 Planta leads best-of-seven series 2-1)

BURIOPEAN CUP: Group D: Chona. Zagreb (Cro) 61 Parts Samt-Germain (Fr) 73 Group E: Landon Towers 82 Ritorudori (Gar) 84.

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SCREWFOX DIFFECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Errore 1 Riddlard 5.
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CLUB MATCH: Northampton 26 Outord

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SWALEC CUP: Third-round draw: Dinas: Powys v Aborsson Curus, Pwiffeii v Verdra, Seven Selers v Tycroes Byrise v Penygrag, Senghenydd v Felinfost: Abercambou v Newtown, Camarahim Quara v Constycalible Committee Westown, Camarahim Quara Winds v Complyingle. Northampton, Glamorgan Winds v Complyingle. Northampton Senators v Blatne, Tylorstown v Chepatow; Beckwas v Planters: Abercan v Beangaw Treherben v Aberdare: Newport Senators v Messteg Curus. Measleg Celtic v Portryctin Wrestom v Tommew, Narberth v Brynnswith Trensum v Newcastle Enlyn, Temby Uld v Wintland, Clighneath v Penropott. Trensylad Uld v Wintland, Clighneath v Penropott. Trensylad V Elanduding: Vstadgymlas v Resolver-Ulanshen v Common, Neath Ath v Trebanos, Camarathen Ath v Bachgrove. Gemidflath v Oakdele, Abercynon v Coulandige; Pyla v Rhynnior; Butth Wels: v Aberginerny, Tonyedal v Penarth: Tiedegar v Ystrad Rhoncist. Olitynydd v Gildach Gock: Rrigos v Kenfig Hit, Tondu v St Peters

SNOOKER

BOURNESSCUTH INTERNATIONAL CEN-TRE: Grand Price Fourth round: J White (Eng) is A McStanus (Scot) 5-1; J Higgins (Scot) by M King (Eng) 5-0; C Small (Scot) by A Burden (Eng) 5-2

SQUASH

WORLD RANIONGS (US unless stated): 1. G Norman (Aus) 11.74pt; ave; 2. T Woods 10.74; 3. E Es (SA) 9.81; 4. N Proc (Zm) 9.34; 5. G Montgomeric (Scof) 8.80; 5. M Ozaid (Japan) 8.22; 7. T Lehren 8.25; 8. D Live 18. 614; 9. M O'Means 8.04; 10. P Mistopison 8.02; 11. J Leonard 6.93; 12. S Hoots 6.87; 13. B Feoro E. 73; 14. F Couste 6.48; 15. N Faido (Eng) 6.42; 16. S Eldington (Aus) 6.50; 17. V Singh (Fig) 6.05; 18. B D Durel 5.72; 19. 8 Larger (Ger) 5.71; 20. S Jones S 51

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Philadelphia ? Temps Bley 1, Vancouver 5 Dallas 1, Boston 2 Edmorrion 1; Ansistem 4 Phoener 3; Lot Angeles 3 New York Islanders 2. SUPPRI EAGUE: Notingfrom Parthers 3 Streffield Steelers 2 (OT); Manchester Storm 6 Newcoalla Colona 3.

BOXING

BUDAPEST: World armateur champlonships (solicated result): Second round:
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6-6. 81 kg: S Kirk (he) bit Z Dimitrijevic (Austria)
6-2. Charthe-limits: 48 kg: R Velasco (Phil)
bit K Mutritashi Llapan) 9-3; R Dydi
(Stovelas) bit Napa (G3) 9-4. D Petrov (Bud)
bit V Sidversko (Liu) 9-9; Ris-braeli, M
Romero (Cuba) bit A Nathandian (Plus) 16-4.
Sfigg: W Fort (Cuba) bit T Livjoriov (Liba)
12-5; S Karasz (Turl bit M Schede (Geri 6-4:
R Maleidhbelov (Russ) bit Rachid Bouata
(Fr) 14-2. A Remayan (Arm) bit K Butharov
(Karr 10-8. 60 kg: A Maleidh (Russ) bit K
Haute (Gar) roc 4ft; Shin Eun Chu (S Nort
bit R Musinus (Kaz) 13-6; Y Utarren (Norg)
bit L Dorothe (Rom) 11-11 line-break). 87 kg:
S Damonik (Jila) bit V Gereichanov (Sovebie) 12-1; M Semton (Rom) bit A Ackainen
(Fr) 18-9; J Hernandez (Cuba) bit G Saputo
(kag) 10-6; O Saitov (Russ) bit N Gough (lie)
6-2: 75kg: A Hernandez (Cuba) bit G Saputo
(kag) 10-6; O Saitov (Russ) bit N Gough (lie)
6-2: 75kg: A Hernandez (Cuba) bit G Saputo
(Lib) bit 3-1 9 kigg M Harivo (Ger)
by R Otesobs (Eng) 9-2; R Chapae (Hub)
bit C Fragomeri (ii) 18-4; T B Tomsen (Dun)
bit W Barrisk (Pol) 3-3 (ke-break); F Sargen
(Cuba) bit N Sarentons (Card) 15-4.

CRICKET

FOOTBALL NJWAIT: POW championship: Cluster-finats: Jansher Khon (Psk) bt A Barada (Egypt) 17-15, 15-14, 9-15, 10-15, 17-15, P Nicol (Scot) bi D Hyan (Ira) 9-15, 15-8, 15-12, 15-13.

12, 15-13.

SRA NATIONAL LEAGUE: Group A: Bidey OTamworth Street Motors Duffield 5 (likey names first: A Stevenson lost to H Stiff 9-19, 4-9, 1-16; B Rock-aby lost to P Hargrane 3-9, 6-9, 4-9, 1-19, 19 Hard lost to S Townsend 0-9, 4-9, 20-2; S Pickering lost to K Whate 9-2, 6-9, 9-5, 6-9; K Alison lost to J Marlin 9-7, 0-9, 1-9, 2-9; Armacolour Prory 2 Misubishi Electric Potens Ser 3 (Armacolour Penny names first: P Marchall by J Ransome 9-0, 0-0, 9-2; C Leach by J Davis 9-1, 9-2, 5-9, 9-7; S Taylor lost to P Carter 6-9, 3-9-9-2, 1-9; S Handley lost to 1 Hogges 7-9, 2-9, 5-9, 7-9, 4-9, 4-9) lost to 5 Winght 9-5, 7-9, 4-9, 4-9) Wray lost to 5 Winght 9-5, 7-9, 4-9, 4-9) Circuto B: Browbourne 3 Moreils Districtors Beshop's Stortford 2 (Browbourne street D Medicings bit J Microbia C 9-2, 9

about fighting in the other chap's back yard. I have

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LLACE-MODLIFIC: Morron is boursament first round: H Sukova (Cz) bit R Grande (N) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, M Oversams (Holl) bit A Kremer (Lud 6-1, 6-2; A-G Scioli (Fin bit P Schnyder (Switz) 4-6, 8-2, 6-2 Second round: J kruger (SA) bit S Testad (Fin 6-2, 6-1; H kragyova (Stoveklas) bit N Savvernatzu (Japan) 6-4, 6-4.

DUEDEC CITY: Women's Institutional (Linear) 6-7, 6-8, 6-4.

Find round: C Morranta (LIS) bit M Maruska (Austria) 6-3, 2-5, 6-4, F Lubitan (N) bit Fless (Carr) 6-0, 6-1; Domenque ven Roost (Bell bit E Caleria (Bell 6-4, 6-2; M Grzybowska (Pol) bit R Simpson (Carr) 1-6, 6-1, 5-3; t. Colvars (R) bit A Decharume-Ballerer (Fin 6-3, 6-1, S Jayesseelan (Carr) bit A Gavation (Mea) 3-6, 7-5, 6-0; M Vento (Ven) bit M Tu (US) 6-3, 6-2, Priy-Boutas (Carr) bit A Fussa (Fin 6-2, 3-6, 7-6, J Waganabe (US) bit R

prove an even bigger gamble for me. I am more scared of the enemy I can't see than the enemy I can. But I suppose it's safe enough to fight there. When you are in the ring, you can be anywhere in the Majoney said that he had made the decision to go to

Chernobyl because Gurov boxes under his banner. "I've got to give my boxer home advantage," Maloney said. "It's 50 kilometres from Chernobyl. But I am going to find out if it is safe to box there. If it is not, we won't go

fighting in his home town, why doesn't he live there?"The Ukrainian, who is a former European champion and has a record of only two defeats in 21 contests, lives in Paris and trains in London.

POOLS DIVIDENDS

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FIXTURES

FOOTBALL European Cup Winners' Cup Tromso IL v Chelsea (8 05) ...

PONTINES LEAGUE: Premier division: Eventon v Livotpool (7 0) Cup: Group Stree: Derby v Walsall (at the Baseball Grouns, 7.0) FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Dundalk v Drogheda (7.45)

OTHER SPORT BASIGETBALL: Budweiser Laugue; Lecester Riders v Derby Storm (8.0) INDOKER: Grand Pru (in Bournemoust) SPEEDWAY: Individual: 16-Lapper (in lpswich, 7:30) TENNIS: Maureen Connolly Trophy: Great Britain v United States (in Manchester)



When playing away beats the comforts of Home Park

The sad decline of Plymouth Argyle has reduced the club's supporters to

n the back of the old white Vauxhall Nova, the scarf' said: "Plymouth Argyle FC, Division Three final, Wembley, 1996." The car had come Weston-super-M2*e, 2 round trip of 200 miles, helping to transport three generations of the Coombe family with 100 years of dedication to Argyle between them. John Coombe stepped out.

said: "The whole thing has been an unmitigated shambles.* The Coombes had arrived for the battle of the basement, Plymouth v Burnley, in the Nationwide League second division, on Tuesday night. They were joined by not many. From taking more than 30,000 to Wembley 17 months ago. Argyle now drew their lowest support for a league match in

more than a decade, barely 3,000.

thought about Home Park

stripped of its home comforts, and

stands have been closed on the instruction of Devon County Council and there are other serious problems. The club has failed to deal with a number of important safety matters despite numerous previous warnings," a council statement said. Despite offers of money, too, for ground improvements from the Football

Fans are furious that their interests have been neglected and that their love is wasting away, no longer the unchallenged premier club in the westernmost counties, more an anorexic version of its former self. The capacity is down to 6,500 and supporters with season tickets have no choice but to stand. The media, too, have Against Burnley, local radio

falling back on typical football gallows humour. David Powell reports

among the fans, the commentator catching a view as best he could. If writers needed something to lean on, it was a case of tapping on the shoulder of the supporter in front. According to gallows humour, if Plymouth draw a good non-league team at home in the FA

Cup, they will ask to play away. Humour is the supporter's only way through a crisis and this is a crisis. Players have been sacked, office staff made redundant, the club is up for sale, and Dan McCauley, the chairman, has not been seen at home matches since herance of abose directed towards himself and his wife.



McCaulcy has warned that the eason, the board is down to two directors, and two local newspaism has given way to crane in the

car park reporting.
The Western Morning News and Evening Herald have hired a crane to raise their reporters high above the stands, although one had to come down, suffering from vertigo. Chris Errington, of the Herald, soldiered on but missed the Burbley game when high winds forced him to return to ground-level before kick-off.

"I look on Plymouth Argyle as ailing patient in interes care," Jones admitted after the 2-2 draw, a result that left the clubs behind on goals accred. "It needs a lot of surgery, a lot of nursing, a

Will it, though? "The longer the shambles goes on the less likely the club will exist next season, John Coombe said. Hope rests. with Tommy Tynan, a former player who is heading a fans consortium to buy out McCauley.

One supporter looked at the blood on the face of the player whose picture featured on the front page of the programme Did he get that walking in the Lyndhurst Stand? he joked referring to the closure of the stand after police collected pieces of corroded metal that had fallen from the roof.

There were no manager's notes. no chairman's message. Instead a supporter was allowed his say. What has happened to our club? Barry Davis, the author, asked.

the present state of affairs, on the German bombing of Home Park

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in 1941. Jones is not working in conditions that he expected when he succeeded Neil Warnock, who was dismissed last season. The dub is not what I anticipated it would be," Jones said. "I am not saying I would not have taken the job, but I took it with massive ambitions." Stifled ambitions.

For as long as anybody can remember, Plymouth have held the local ascendancy, never a division below either Exeter City or Torquay United. Now, while Plymouth head towards relegation, Exeter lead the third division and they could swap places. "That is the nightmare scenario for all Plymouth fans," Errington said: The old Vanxhall Nova might give up in protest.

FOOTBALL

Chelsea content to absorb first shots in cold war

From Brian Glanville in tromso

CHELSEA stepped off the plane here straight into a snowstorm. Snow covered the plastic protection on the pitch in the tiny, primitive stadium where tonight, weather permitting, they are due to play Tromso in the second round. first leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup

Officials of the Norwegian club are highly optimistic that the match will go ahead. Ruud Guilit, the Chelsea playermanager, was less so after looking at the pitch. "If I didn't see under it," he said, "! wouldn't say that, but they uncovered it and it doesn't look much like a pitch. But tomorrow it maybe different.

If the pitch, however, is too muddy and the ball will not Guillit expects the game to be postponed. Fewer than 7,000 spectators will watch the match in a stadium that would scarcely pass muster in the Vauxhall

Hakan Sandberg, the young Swedish manager of Tromso who have lost all but two of their past seven games and must now play off to stay in the top division, was optimistic about the game going ahead, but pesimistic about

the probable result. Chelsea, he said, are one of the strongest teams in Europe. "I think we have quite a physically strong team," he said. "We have some players who are very interesting to clubs in Europe. We have a

This is Tor Andre Gren-

ersen, a 28-year-old. Steinar Nilsen, the centre back, 25, is expected to move to AC Milan soon for £800,000. Ole Martin Arst, 23, almost joined Birmingham City for £2 mlllion during the summer. But the team, apart from a home victory in the Cup Winners' Cup, have struggled sadly of

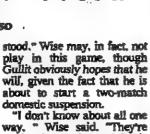
Well might Tromso be called the gateway to the Arctic. There is deep snow everywhere, deep snow surrounding the pretty, colourful wooden houses. Ruud Gullit says, however, that he would much rather play in the cold — and in fact it is not notably

TEAM

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cold — than in intense heat. Though he himself, given his style, has always felt ill at ease

on icy pitches. When Hakan says: "We don't expect anything to hap-pen." he is expressing his pessimism, but neither Gullit, nor Dennis Wise, his captain, is taking the game lightly. "I always have a lot of respect for the opposition," Guilit said Pessimism from the opposi-tion camp is he said, "the way of putting yourself in the underdog position, so any result you make will be under-



used to the weather and that is not going to help us. We don't know much about them. It's going to be very difficult. If we could get a win or a draw to take back to Stamford Bridge. it would be nice." And the Norwegian defeatism? "They would say that. They're always the underdogs. Gwyn Williams, Chelsea's

assistant manager, who watched Tromso lose 4-0 to Lyn Osio last Saturday, said that though Tromso had a bad day then, their minds were obviously on the Chelsea game. Against that, Hakan has stressed the importance of the play-offs that will decide whether Tromso keep their top division status.

As usuai Gulit Will an nounce his team only on match day. It would be interesting to see Tore Andre Flo piay against the club where he made his name, but there are whispers that Gullit will start with an Italian pairing of Gianluca Vialli and Gianfranco Zola in attack. Zola, wanted by Italy for the World Cup play-off in Mos-cow next Wednesday, will not be available at the weekend. Flo, however, should surely get on sometime.

If Wise, who has stubbed his toe, is not fit, then Babayaro could play on the left of midfield in his place rather than left back, giving way there to the promising Danny Granville. Eddie Newton, back after injury at last, is expected to start in

Hakan insists the conditions will be the same for both sides. But the pitch where the ball refuses to bounce would scarcely favour Chelsea.



All white on the night? The cover on the pitch at the Alfheim Stadium is hidden under a blanket of snow

Ellis raises toast to Villa fans

BY KUSSELL KEMPSON

AS THE Aston Villa party flew home from their satisfying Uefa Cup excursion to northern Spain in the early hours of yesterday morning. Doug Elis, the Villa chairman, broke out the champagne. "It's only half a cup each because we're only halfway there," he said, mindful that the 0-0 draw against Athletic Bilbao carries no guarentee of a third-round place. Much work has still to be done in the return leg at Villa Park on November 4.

Ellis was more certain, proud even, of the behaviour of the 400 Villa supporters who had been shoehorned into a tiny segregated area of the San Mames Stadium, Chant they did, often and loud, but there was not a hint of trouble. They received warm applause from the Basque fans at the end of the game and the was swiftly recip-

"I was talking to the city's assistant commissioner of police and he couldn't believe the way our supporters reacted," Ellis said, having commandeered the cabin microphone to address his audience. "He thought they were marvellous. They were a credit before, during and after the game and were a shining example of how supporters

should behave in Europe." in the wake of the scenes in Rome ten days earlier, when England played Italy in their decisive World Cup qualifying match, Ellis's words were perhaps tinged with relief. Bilbao police officials told Villa before the game that there would be no backlash against the English and they

kept their word. it probably helped that the fans who travelled by coach stayed in San Sebastian, a 45minute drive from Bilbao, yetthey were treated courteously when they did arrive in the

city. Rival supporters mingled outside the ground beforehand, swopping mementoes, and congratulations were passed around freely after-wards. "Well done, Aston-Veela." shouted a woman as she drove past in her car.

Villa are only halfway there, as Ellis stressed time and again as he dispensed the bubbly. Brian Little, the Villa manager, will concur, Bilbao having shown only a few glimpses of their true capabilities. They did not beat Sampdoria, of Italy, in the first round on fortune alone.

Little used Stan Collymore, Savo Milosevic and Dwight Yorke in a bold, attacking ploy that could have been greater rewarded had Yorke eccepted the 37th-minute chance deverly created by Collymore. With only the Bilbao goalkeeper to beat, he shot hurriedly wide.

Mark Draper had his most offuential game in midfield

SATURDAY IN

for some time and Gareth Southgate, the Villa captain, constantly repelled the Bilbao forwards. Worringly, though Collymore continues to show a baffling lack of form. He drew another blank on Tuesday night and has now scored only one goal in 14 appearances

since moving from Liverpool. Though Little consistently defends his E7 million purchase, even he seems to be running out of ideas of how to motivate him. As one seasoned... observer commented after the game: "Brian's big-gest problem is that he is the one who bought him."

A domestic suspension means that Collymore will not play before the second leg. Yet, after an indifferent perfor mance in the first round, first leg against Bordeaux, he turned in a vigorous display in the return, which Villa won I-O. after extra time. Perhaos he is again saving himself for the

Adams on the move after only 13 days

MICKY ADAMS, the Swansea City manager, resigned yesterday after just 13 days in the job... Adams, who was dismissed by Fulham after the arrival of Kevin Keegan and Ray Wilkins at Craven Cottage last month, decided to leave the Nationwide League third division club because, he claimed, financial promises had not been kept.

Adams, 35, took over after the dismissal of Jan Molby. the former Denmark and Liverpool defender. After defeats against Exeter City and Notts County, and then against Mansfield Town on Tuesday night, Swansea slipped to third from bottom of

Although Adams met with club official to discuss his

worries, he was dissatisfied withthe answers he received and left vesterday morning. This has been a devastating four weeks for me." he said.

The people at the football club have got a long-term plan that is very, very exciting but, as far as I am concerned, the future is now. There were certain things said during our discussions that didn't please me, so I was forced into making a decision."

Neil McLure, the Swanse vice-chairman, offered a different version of events. "It has been suggested that Micky left because we weren't prepared to bring in new players," he said, "but Peter Day, our chief executive, has been on the phone this afternoon trying to do just that."

Alan Cork, Adams's No 2 at the Vetch Field, takes over as manager, with Ian Branfoot, this chub's general manager, becoming his assistant.

Flying high

Tromso vs Chelsea live from 7:50 tonight.

New demand for England in World Cup countdown ENGLAND will decide dur-

ing the next 48 hours the identity of their first opponents since they qualified for the World Cup finals — with Portugal and Colombia believed to be among the frontrunners for a Wembley date on November 15.

Glenn Hoddle's squad has acquired a high-profile reputation, especially since their 0-0 draw against Italy in Rome, which ensured a place in the finals in France next year. The Football Association

said 32 teams had sought matches with England on one of the six available friendly international dates between now and the end of next May. Many countries want to test themselves against England as part of their own World Cup preparations.

"I would think a decision about the opposition will be made by the end of this week." Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said.

Portugal, Sweden, Norway and Colombia are believed to be the main contenders. Colombia were last at Wembley two years ago in the build-up to Euro 96. Suggestions that Portugal - who have missed out on a place in France after finishing third behind Germany and Ukraine in group nine- have withdrawn their request to meet England next month were denied by the FA.

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

The commercial benefits derived by foreign visitors, in-cluding television rights in their own country, is a significant factor in them wanting to play at Wembley.
Phil Carling, the commer-

cial director of the FA, said: "It

shouldn't be underestimated just how much it still means to teams to visit England. After all, we exported the

game to the world and Wembley is still regarded as the home of football. Top players therish dreams of playing there - especially for their COUNTY. Teams also know from

experience that when they are here everything will be very well organised and, especially



doing so well, they are all keen to set themselves a benchmark. by their performance against-

"Far from running scared of England, I think people are hining up to play us. That is clear. But there are many and various situations to consider before the decision is made about who so play and on what

The first consideration is what type of opposition Glent Hoddle wants, and in what circumstances, in terms of his preparation for the World Cup After November 15 - when

eight other European sides, including Ireland, will be appearing in play-offs to decide the final four qualifiers from Europe — England are not scheduled to be in action again until February 11. Ireland and Wales are be-

lieved to be among the countries who want to play. England then or on later dates before the finals. March 25, April 22, May 23 and May 30. Double said opponents for: friendly games next year litrar because an at a ton bluow after the draw for the World Cup finals.

It seems unlikely, however, that England will embark on a tour in May, as they did before the European championship



BAKER

Banks rules out return to terraces

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TONY BANKS, the sports minister, yesterday confirmed that the Government has no plans to bring back terracing to football grounds. He said that there were would be no review of the Taylor Report, which recommended all-seat. stadiums at FA Carling Pre-miership and Nationwide League first division grounds.

Speaking at a conference on the financing of football chubs, Banks said: The quality of facilities throughout these divisions rank with the best in the world and gives us a head start in our bid for the 2006 World Cup."

He added: There has been a great deal of debate about the reintroduction of terrac-. ing. The Government has no plans to review the Taylor Reports recommendations, which identified all-seating as the factor that compributed most to spectator safety.

"We are prepared to listen to comments made about the provision of speciator accommodation, but we should be very careful before considering any change of policy."

Banks said that a return to terracing at Britain's leading stadiums might risk crowd safety and jeopardise the

chances of successfully bid-

ding for leading international

tournaments, such as the

World Cup. "As passionate as I am about football, and as much as I regard footballing heritage as being a unique part of our game, we must not let our nostalgic memories of life on the terraces blur the reality of what they were actually like," he said. The Taylor Report gave a chilling-ly graphic description of that The Government is committed to promoting the nat-

ional game through its wholehearted support for the Football Association's bid for the 2006 World Cup. We saw at first hand during Euro 96 the impact a major international sporting event can have on not only a sport but a whole nation. The World Cup can have an even bigger impact."
The United States Soccer Pederation (USSF) will get \$120 million (about £75 million) from a new sponsorship deal with Nike, putting the United States alongside the likes of Brazil and Italy as the American leisurewear compa-

ny's most richly-sponsored football nations. Jim Trecker, the USSF deputy secretary general, said that Nike was excited by Project 2010, the federation's development strategy aimed at the United States winning the World Cup by then.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Robinson available as Harris faces test

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE good news that Jason Robinson is available for Great Britain, was tempered yesterday by the probability that Keiron Cunningham, the first-choice hooker, will not have recovered from a hernia operation in time for the opening match of the British Gas series against Australia. There are also doubts about the fitness of lestyn Harris.

Harris, the Leeds stand-off half, is having checks on a back complaint and a decision will be taken today on Cun-ningham, who could require surgery again. Although not yet settled on his half-back combination, Andy Goodway, the coach, was unimpressed by the non-appearance of Bobbie Goulding, the St Helens scrum half, at a schools training session in Bradford, one of several that the Britain coach

has organised.

Half of the squad took part last night in the midweek National Lottery draw, while the rest were expected to attend the schools session. After injuries to Tony Smith and Shaun Edwards, the scrum half role seemed certain to be Goulding's, but Goodway is a stickler for commitment and he raised the possibility of Martin Crompton being given his chance

Bobbie has not always performed at international evel. Maybe the time is right for a change," he said.

Should Crompton be chosen ahead of Goulding for Wernbley on Saturday week, it would complete a remarkable urnaround for a player who. Il days ago, was threatening to turn his back on the game after Oldham's collapse. Since then, he has moved to Salford. in training, Goodway has been experimenting with vari-ous half-back permutations, including switching Andy Farrell from loose forward to stand-off. Robinson, who is contracted to Wigan for another three seasons after a £250,000 buy-out of his Australian Rugby League contract, has experience of the position, but Goodway intends to play him in his usual

position — on the right wing. James Lowes, of Bradford Bulls, is not a bad alternative "They are two completely different styles of player, so we have to take the decision sharpish, because it will have a bearing on how we play the game," Goodway said.

Should Harris have to withdraw from the squad, Goodway might call up Francis Maloney, who became the third player to leave Oldham this week. He has signed a two-year deal with Castleford.

Banks rule!

return to left.

SAILING: NEW ZEALAND SKIPPER TAKING NOTHING FOR GRANTED AFTER GRUELLING FIRST LEG

Dalton sees Smith as dangerman

FROM EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT IN CAPE TOWN

WITH Mystified by INXS blasting out across the dock as Cape Town slept, a handful of relatives and journalists were on hand to welcome Grant Dalton, in Merit Cup, in the early hours yesterday morn-ing, to a well-deserved second place in the first leg of the Whitbread Round the World

Dalton made it across the line nearly 20 hours behind the leg winner. Paul Cayard, in EF Language, a margin that under the old elapsedtime scoring system would have given the Swedish boat a potentially unbeatable cushion from which to go on and win the race. But under the new points-per-leg scoring system, there is all to play

Dalton, of New Zealand, got ashore giving the impres-sion of a man who has yet to be convinced that he is as good as his finish position might suggest. He said he thought he

might have been lucky on what he described as a "cruel navigator's leg" and he is taking nothing for granted. "We've learnt a lot and we have a lot to build from too," he said. "We have got a really busy two weeks ahead. We know we can improve the package a lot" He is happy with his down-

wind speed but he said Lawrie Smith, of Britain, in Silk Cut, who was due to finish in the early hours of this morning in fourth place, was still the big threat for overall honours. To me Lawrie is the dangerman, especially in a power environment, Dalton said. "EF Language to me looks like it is influenced a lot by Lawrie - they have taken it on but it's

very influenced by Silk Cut."

IT WAS much smoother

yesterday. The sun glistened

on the gently stirring North Atlantic waters and

clouds streaking an otherwise clear olue sky. The odd seagull and puffin

even paid us a visit, which

was great news for me. I felt

almost human. But it was .

not such good news for the Royal & Sun Alliance and

about lunchtime. Until then

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sailing records. Then it

became pleasantly calm.

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there were just a few



Dalton, who has now had

lost their mast on one occasion. During the next week, much of the gear is being specification.

board the W60 was also a new was unable to maintain the periods in strong conditions. These boats are man-killers in the really hard stuff. They just physically do the guys in." Dalton said.

While predicting considerable changes in race order once the fleet sails east-west rather than north-south. Dalton could not help underlining favourite and his countryman, Chris Dickson, has made in Toshiba, which is expected to finish the leg in sixth or even seventh

Dalton said Dickson's boat is "a little slow" in light airs and that he and his navigator,

DETAILS

DISTANCE TO FINISH: First leg (Southampton to Cape Town): Positions (at 12.00GMT yestenday, with miles to Cape Town): 1, EF Language (Swe) finished at 05.54.26GMT Tuesday; 2, Merit Cup (Monaco) 01.20.11 Wednesday; 3, innovation Kvaerner (Nor) 03.09.06; 4, Sik Cut (GB) 149miles; 5, Chesise Racing (US) 379; 6, Toshiba (US) 478, 7, America's Challenge (US) 483; 8, Swedish Match (Swe) 581; 9, EF Education (Swe) 809; 10, BrunelSunergy (Hofi) 934.

rors." "He has a huge deficit to make up, based on the weighting of the points." Dal-

Dalton was followed home

less than two hours later by Knut Frostad, of Norway,

in Innovation Kvaerner, who

led the race for two weeks

before slipping after round-ing Trindade and then

eventually losing out to Merit

Cup in the run-in to the

ing third, Frostad said: "I am

happy to stay around with EF

Language and Merit Cup as

both are very fast. We put a lot of effort into our navigation

programme and I am really

very happy with the boat, but

the sails must be stronger for

Out at sea, meanwhile, the

huckless Dutch crew aboard

BrunelSunergy inverted their

mast early on Tuesday and

will have to replace the top

section when they eventually

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shackle on the topmast

backstay broke while the boat

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The skipper, Hans Bouscholte, reported that the

boat was still sailing at full speed but acknowledged that

the aluminium got a "serious

the next leg."

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Holding his trophy for com-

Gomarsall ruled out for three months

THE RUGBY UNION: Andy Gomarsall, the Wasps scrum half, will miss the next three months of the season after undergoing an operation today on a spinal disc (David Hands writes). He will miss his club's challenge for the European title, as well as the chance to press his claims

to an England place. in addition, Alex King, the Wasps fly half capped by England in Argentina during the summer, requires a precautionary arthroscopy on the knee he

damaged against Saracens on Sunday and will not play again this month.

Storm warning E ICE HOCKEY:

Manchester Storm went top of the Superleague with a 6-3 win over Newcastle Cobras on Tuesday night (Norman de Mesquita writes). Rick Judson gav the Storm the lead in the Brst minute and two goals by Craig Woodcroft, togethe with one each from Stefan Ketola and Hilton Ruggles, took the Storm

There was a closer ame in Nottingham, wher the Panthers needed overtime to beat Sheffield Steelers 3-2 to move into second place. Jeff Schastian scored the winning goal in the eighth minute of the extra session.

Strike looms

CRECKET: The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) walked out of pay talks with the country's firstclass players yesterday, raising the possibility of a strike. Tim May, president of the players' union, refused to rule a strike after ACB officials rejected demands for better pay for Test and first-class players.

Lowe on a high

DARTS John Lowe and Cliff Lazarenko overcame a fightback by the inexperienced Dean Allsop and Mark Robinson to win their first match in the PDC world pairs champio ships at Bognor Regis yesterday. Lowe and Lazarenko led 5-3, but were taken to 5-5 before Lowe sealed a 6-5 victory. Keith Deller and Jamie Harvey were surprisingly beaten 6-2 by the American, Steve Brown, and his Canadian team-mate, Gary

his first real taste of Whitbread 60 sailing, found he had underestimated loadings throughout the running rigging on board Merit Cup, partly to save weight, and his crew had battled against one failure after another. They destroyed most of

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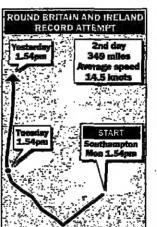
the awful start the pre-race High spirits and dolphins on the ocean wave

> requires donning full oilskins, strapping on and braving the waves that crash through the webbing stretched between the

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The first day we averaged 15.5 knots and travelled approximately 400 nautical miles to the



Yesterday we average: 14 knots, travelling a further 340 nautical miles to the mark - that's 740 nautical miles of an 1800-nautical mile course and one knot

average record-breaking speed in *Lokota*. To beat Lokota's record for sailing around Britain of five days, 21 hours and five minutes set in October 1994 we must be back in the Hamble in time for Sunday hmch. But we all know that

faster than Steve Fossett's

yesterday's miles were and the early hours of the morning as good ground was made off the west coast of Ireland. When we looked across

at St Kilda off the outer Hebrides the wind was blowing at a gentle eight to ten knots, and in the wrong direction. Still, three dolphins jumped up and smîled at us — maybe an auspicious sign for today.

A PRIZE DRAW

The girls were great

the cockpit, ensuring I

laughing when I was ill in

drank enough, reassuring me that the food was awful —

so I had not missed anything.

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his month The Times has teamed up with The Sunday Times and Charchill Insurance to offer residens the hance to win one of four exciting cars vorth around £20,000 each.

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for those who want the style of an offroader but the practicality and easy driving of a saloon. The VRI is the raciest Volkswagen Golf of them all, sexy in black with black leather interior, and the Espace is for serious weekend drivers, diesel-powered for maximum fuel savings on long journeys with flexible

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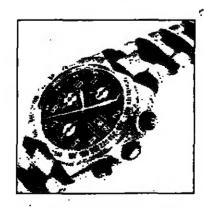
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should you be swallowing if

These are questions that lie behind two great sporting mysteries of the week: first, how is it that the Chinese

women seem able to step out of nowhere to destroy world records at will? And record,

why are thousands of Western sportsmen and women willing to pay so much for drinks that may be little more than sug-ared water? China's women distance

runners are at it again. This

week saw a phenomenal wom-

en's 5,000 metres at the National Games in Shanghai, with the first three ac: 38 the line smashing the world

record. The winner was a girl of 17, Dong Yanmei, who ran 14min 31_27sec.

Dong, like her team-mate.

Jiang Bo, now appears to be sponsored by Nike, to judge

from the logos on her Westernlooking kit. Both are mached by the extraordinary Ma

This is a fine comeback for Ma after serious illness. Four

years ago he fuelled rumours

at the world championships in Stuttgart when three of his protégés came from nowhere

to dominate the middle and long distance events. They

went on to set world remrds at

10.000 metres, 1.500 metres and, most spectacularly, 3,000 Junxia ran 8:06.11. Ma con-

fused all sensible reporting of his methods by saying that he

gave his squad concoctions of

caterpillar fungus and the blood of freshly-killed furtles.

sport are there to be broken.

But when the Chinese lop

more than five seconds off a

record, and when not one, but

three, better the old mark, they

seem to spit in the eye of

Doubts about whether such

performances are legally pos-

sible have been pumped up by

recent Chinese breakthroughs

in weightlifting and swim-

ming. Eighteen weightlifting

world records have been bro-

Of course, records in any

athletic success?

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ken at these Games and in swimming the world records for the 200 metres medley and 400 metres medley were crushed. So it is not surprising that the latest achievements of Ma's squad have prompted blearing for more drug testing. "Come and test my runners any time." Ma has said. The athletics authorities funded sports schools. **Plates**



Tough training regime could account for world records

China's secret may be hard graft

Recent world record contributors to the great haul of China: Dong Yanmei, left, Xin Feng, right, and Wu Yanyan

should take him up on his invitation. They should be in China, and in thousands of other training camps worldwide, using the latest science, and in particular blood testing, to restore credibility. The present testing procedures are

crude, timid and ineffective. However, the experts should be prepared to discover that the Chinese may simply be giving us a glimpse into the 21st century — a vision of the performances that can be exnected once women unleash their true potential.

When the facts are examined, the achievements of Ma and his gang are far from impossible. China has only recently come out of sporting isolation, and the amount of raw material, the sheer size of the pool of talent, is breathtaking. They have a population of more than a billion, and an extensive network of well-

In the 21st century great women runners may step out of China just as men's distance runners are now coming out of Africa. Ma Junren brings to this reservoir of talent his own

being some unsophisturtle blood, he has made a lifetime study of training.
Some of his theories may

ineffective' him make sound like a crank, but when he talks of impossible. There is no reason taking his athletes to watch the way deer, horses and ostriches move, he sounds very like the great Australian coach, Percy Cerutty, who guided Herb Elliott to world records nearly

40 years ago. Ma has his athletes in training camps for more than

ten months of the year. They regularly run more than 20 miles a day in two or three sessions and are kept weil away from late nights and They train in

train hard. And The testing if some fall ill or injured, others procedures niace. A few will make it to the are crude, timid and posted by his

> week are great, but by no means to believe that girls running 150 miles a week, with spells at altitude, should not be capable of running around 14min 30see for 5.000 metres. Zola Budd ran 14:48.07 in 1985. I coached her for a while and I am convinced that she had not exhausted her potential.

athletes this

This record is a soft one, and while it may be that the Chinese are cheating, the rest of the world should not use suspicion as an excuse for not trying to match them.

A report this week expressed astonishment that so many sportsmen and women are prepared to pay up to £1.50 for so-called "sports drinks" that are little more than suga laden squash. Most people the report concluded, would be better off munching a banana.

Most people, of course, would be better off simply training harder, and quenching their thirst with water. The hard truth is that the secret of Ma Junren's success probably lies somewhere in the tough miles that his girls churn out week after week, not in what they eat or drink. You don't get that kind of fitness from turtle blood - or bananas.

JOHN BRYANT

SWIMMING

ASA increases fees to stave off financial difficulties

sociation (ASA), faced with a warning that it could be £900,000 in the red in 1997-98. plans to increase its membership fees by 500 per cent next year. The body is expected to reveal a deficit of more than

£200,000 for the present year. The increase in fees is designed to avoid the sort of problems experienced by the British Athletic Federation, which revealed last week that tion with a £530,000 deficit £130,000.

about £750,000. From January 1 1998, it plans to raise its basic fee from 60p a year to £3 for a

By CRAIG LORD membership of about 270,000, which translates to added income of almost £650,000. The competition registration fee, for about 50,000 members, will also be raised, from £8 to

£10, raising an extra £100,000. Many clubs have expressed their concerns about the plans. A spokesman for one small club in the south of England has said: "Our competitors already pay some £400 a year in training fees. That's without travel and hotels for comp-

savings from what one leading ceach described as a "runaway" budget. "Their ex-

phone bills, trips for almost as many officials as swimmers to the European championships in Seville; and now we're told there's a new administration post at £30,000 a year or so their costs are astronomical." the coach said.

The recommendations of the ASA working party that looked into the finances of the association do not appear to have been fully taken up. The gested a tiered structure of membership fees, to include club helpers who pay no fees

The report also states that "closure might be the least painful option" for the ASA's SwimGB merchandising operation, which incurred massive start-up costs in its first three years.

The association is sensitive to complaints about its budget, coming as it does during a costly inquiry into Hamilton Bland, the television commentator who is ASA facilities consultant and acts as promoter of the ASA awards scheme. This year it has received £2 million of ring-fenced National Lottery money and boasts of securing "EI53 million of lottery money for 87 new exiting projects around the country, Lob million more than any other sport in

David Sparkes, the chief executive of the ASA, is to embark on a tour of English counties next month to explain its plans to ASA members. The fee increases will be voted on at the ASA Council meeting in February, and, if adopted, will be adopted.

Not so new South Africa

The backpack show is tonight presented by Justine Shapiro and charts her trek across South Africa and the mountain kingdom of Lesotho. Unusually in this series the host is on familiar ground. Shapiro was born in South Africa, though she left it at the age of three. Covering large swaths of the country in a half-hour programme means that no sooner has Shapiro touched ground in one place than she is off to another, But by doing so many things, from visiting Nelson Mandela's prison cell to riding an ostrich, she is able to evoke the diversity of a vast country. The unstated conclusion is that despite the end of apartheid, not much has changed. Blacks continue to five in squatter camps and Afrikaners think they should still be in charge

United Taster of America

Channel 4, 8-30pm

Having covered African and Caribbean cuisine in previous series, the food writer Dorinda Hafner takes her unquenchable enthusiasm and beaming smile to the United States. American food is largely smile to the United States. American food is largely what immigrants have introduced to the country, and many kinds of immigrant means many kinds of dish. But the favourite American cuisine, we are told, is Italian and Hafner begins her survey in the Italian quarter of Boston. Here she finds excitable Italian-Americans making cheeses and pastries as if they were still in their Sicilian hill towns. Not almost everybody else she meets. It makes for a very jolly half hour, finishing up with a visit to an "Italian" fishing port and a hoisterous lobster meal in oelebration of St Peter, the patron saint of

Thirf Takers

It may be unfortunate for Thief Takers that Channel 5 has revived the show often cited as its 1970s forerunner. The Sweeney (currently playing on Mondays) may have overdone the rough sunfout it had a wonderfully mordant humour and John Thaw's truculent Regan was a character memorable for more than his flared trousers and kipper ties. Thief Takers is delivered efficiently and



with some visual style and is just the thing for those who like their stunts raw and authentic. But of relieving humour it has none and the squad has tended to be an amorphous strong from which relieving humour it has none and the squad has tended to be an amorphous group from which individuals have struggled to emerge. Stronger characterisation is a promise of this new series, which sees several changes in personnel including a new boss played by Nicholas Ball. The opening episode is a typically tough and noisy affair, set on and around Battersea Power Station.

Horizon: Dawn of the Clone Age

Analysis: The Politics of Emotion

The announcement in February of Dolly the cloned The announcement in February of Dolly the cloned sheep produced a workdwide reaction, much of it hysterical. In ten days the research institute in Edinburgh received more than 2,000 calls from the media. Dr Ian Wilmut, one of the scientists involved, says he was lucky to get away without a heart attack or a nervous breakdown. Deborah Cadbury's film is a welcome corrective. It points out that Dolly came not from some wild attempt to turn science fiction into fact but serious science. Dolly's creators were thinking not about human clones, or spare-part surgery, but a treatment for diseases such as haemophilia and cystic fibrosis. On the way the Edinburgh team was nearly unstaged by an experiment with cloned cows in Terase. Carlwing property the street cloned cows in the control of the street cloned cows in the control of the street cloned cows in the control of the street cloned cows in the street cloned control
Brian Cathcart introduces an attempt to discover,

in the relative calm imparted by the passage of time, whether the outpouring of grief when Diana, Princess of Wales, died indicated a real, as opposed to a temporary, change in the national psyche of a people not previously famous for being outgoing.

Or was the nation's surprising behaviour in part whipped up by the media, thus demonstrating that there has been a sea change in the way the media

reports events? The programme tries to under-stand whether these changes have implications for policy-makers and indeed for democracy itself a

more involved public can improve democracy; bu it can also pose a threat by making democracy les

RADIO CHOICE

A moving short play by Ronald Harwood, which has an introduction by the author evoking the terrible price in human relationships imposed by apartheid. Harwood's statement that "it is perhaps easier to ask for forgiveness than to be forgiven goes to the core of the play and hints at its climax. Donny, a famous artist, returns to Cape Town with a painting, a gift for Annie, the black woman who helped to raise him. The painting shocks Annie, for it shows Donny as he sees himself, an ageing, care-worn man in his sixties. But Donny has come to compensate for something missed out as well as to give, and the two explore their old relationship as Donny leads up to his request, Peggy Phango and Tom Courtenay turn in excellent performances.

6.39em Kevin Greening and Zoe Dear water Street Target Low Milley. Includes 12.30pm Newsbest 2.00 Mark. Raddilla 4.00 Dave Pearce 6.15 Newsbest 8.30 Stove-Lemaco; Evening Session 8.30 Movie Update with Mark Kennode 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00em Cave Werren 4.00 Chris Moyies

RADIO 5 LIVE

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TALK RADIO

8.30em Paul Ross and Carol McGiffer 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lurraine Kelly 2.00em Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Dealey 7.90 Anna Resburn 9.00 James Whele 1.00em Ian Collins

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CLASSIC FM

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Norway's tolk music traditions 5.00 in Tune. Sean Raffenty Introduces Mozan's Sesuitate Jubiliste, Constant Lambert's Rio Grande

6.00em On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Scheich (Was Betrubst Du Dich, Symptomise. Secret, Rachmaninov (Piero Concerto No 4 in G. minor): Finzi (Romence for Strings)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Includes Handel (Concerto Grosso in D., Op 8 No 8); Stravinsky (Three Movemeris: from Petruerista); Fauré (Poeme-d'un Jour); Brainns (Verleifore on a Theme by Haydin)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Geraint Lewis, includes Mendelssohn (Richtle Mich, Gott); Mathias (Requiescat, Op 79); Haydin (Symphony, No 91 in E field); Trad, air Britten (Ohr in the Stilly Night, Night Covers Up the Rigid Land); Medirer (6 Tales, Op 51 No 3); Shostalcovich (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Op 54), Debusey (Lea Tercies Alternes; La Puerto del Vino); Haydin (Symphony No 89 in F)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Watton
1.00pm in Reportory. The Times opera critic, Rochey
Mines, talks to the German baritone Dietrich.

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Fischer-Dieskau about performing Veroft's Palsterf on stage and on record
2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philitermonic.
Includes Maxwell Davies (Overture: Throstie's Nest Junction) under the composer. Roussel (Becchus et Ariene) under Yan Pascel Torceter, Bruch (Violin Concerto No.1 in G minor): Shostakovich (Symphony No.9); under Peter Maxwell Davies, with Oliver Charler, violin
4.00 Ensemble, with Penny Gore (r)
4.45 Music Machine. Tormny Pearson investigates

and Tippett's Concerto for Double String

and Tippetr's London for London Uning
Orchestra
7.30 Performance on 3. A concert of popular English
music given earlier this month at the Festivel Hall
in London. BSC Concert Orchestra under Vernon
Handley. With Hilary Summers, soprano, Martin
Loveday, wolfin. Vaughan Williams (Overture: The
Wesspa): Coases (Knightsbridge, London), Amold
(Overture: Tam O Shantar): Elgar (Sea Pictures);
Vaugham Williams (The Lark Ascending): Elgar
(Engine Variations)
9.20 Postsoript: The Life of Dall. Ian Gibson's
biography of Salvador Dall reaches the 1950s
(4/4)
8.44 Arlanna's Lament. Henk Rubingh, violin,

(4/4)

Arianna's Lament. Henk Rubingh, violin,
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Music Restored. A concert given at the York
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Early Music Restored. Bellyn Tubb, soprano,
Roberto Balconi, courtertenor, Sprezzatura.
Pergolesi (Stabet Meter)
Hight Waves. Petrick Wright explores
Scandinavian domestic design as Carl and Karin
Larsson, Creators of the Swedish Style opens at
the V&A

Composer of the Westic Glinks M.

11:30 Composer of the West: Gifinks (f)
12:30cm Jazz Notes. Dave Gelly infroduces the final part of John Dankworth's 70th birthday concert
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Ferming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 6.45 Dear Biff W.F. Deedes recalls the Conservatives defeat in the first election of 1974 (4/5) 6.56 Weather

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9.80 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite and his team of investigators
9.30 First Person Plural. Three audio disries from a plastic surgeon, his patient and her boyldend (2/4)
10.00 (1/4) News; Tales from the Islands. Joseph Corvad's stories of the Maley Archpelago, drametised by Lindsay Clarke. With John Nettles and Martin Shaw (4/4)
10.00 (LW) Daity Service
10.15 (LW) On this Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jerri Murray
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. News from BISC reporters ground the world
12.00 News; You and Youns, with Mark Whitpier
12.25 pm Out of Order. Pathick Harnan chairs the political quitz with team captains Michael White and Austin Mitchell, MP 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (1) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Play: The Boy Who Thought He Was an Elephant, by John McCletand With Adam Stewert, John Hewitt and Brends Writer.

Brends Winter
3.00 News The Aftermoon Shift, with David Jessel
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reports
on a new ENO production of Janacek's opera
From the House of the Deed, and reviews Orban

Parmik's novel The New Life, set in modern Turkey
4.45 Short Story: Rose, by Nen Woodhouse. Read by
Eleanor Bron
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.56 Weather
6.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 First Impressions. Pete
McCartiny chairs the panel game for
Impressionists with regulars Alistair McGowan and
Steve Nation
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Facing West. Jeramy Harding Investigates the
realities of Islamic little in British (2/2)
8.00 Analysis: The Politics of Emotion. See Choice
8.45 Pen Friendly. The British foreign correspondent
Maggie O'Kane shares the diary of her maternity
leave with the Swedish writer Lotta Erikson (4/6)
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Frederick Dove hosts the
magszine for people with disabilities
9.30 Kaleidoscope (1) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lusting
10.45 Book at Beditime: The Diving Bell and the
Butterfly, by Jean-Dominique Bauby Read by
Richard Demington (4/5)
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Ronald Herwood. See Choice
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11.45 (LW) Today in Parliament
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Haunting
of Hill House, by Shirley Jackson. Read by
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12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast
1.00 As World Service

with Dorinda Hafner. Tonight

and monthly running costs of The ASA aims to increase revenue from members by

Answers from page 43

BIGHA (c) A measure of land-area in India varying tocally from a third of an acre to an acre. The Hindi word. "It would be a noble sheet of water. and very profitable, as it would irrigate upwards of 10,000 bighas of

ADRET (a) A (mountain) slope which faces the sun. From the Old French d

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etitions. The club has called on the at present. ASA to seek internal cost

WORD-WATCHING

FOO-FOO

(b) Also fu-fu and fou-fou. A kind of dough made out of plantnins. A traditional food of Negroes on both sides of the Atlantic. Of West African origin. Recorded in Twi. Ewe, Wolof, etc. drefift = adroit. The valley has an east-west trend and so a well defined adret (sunny) side and ubac (shady side)."

CHUREL

(b) In India, the ghost of a woman who has died in child-birth, believed to haunt lonely places malevolently and to spread disease. Adaptation of the Hindi curtil. Rudyard Kipling, Kim. 1901: "A churel is the peculiarly malignant ghost of a woman who has died in child-bed. She haunts lonely roads, her feet are turned backwards on the ankles, and she leads men to tormest."

PREQUENCY GUIDE RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909; WORLD SERVICE, MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO, FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO, MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings, compiled by Peter Dees, ian Highes, Rossmary Smith, Susan Thomson, James 1986, March
Broadening the mind but not the vocabulary

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it pretended was a documentary called DJ, about these new kings of club music who can pocket £1,000 for two hours' work at a turntable creating their own trademark cocktail of drum 'n' bass dance music. But it was clearly (wasn't it?) a trial outing for Harry Enfield's newest comic creation - an hilarious Cockney

wide-boy called Tony Fordham. Obviously, we were supposed to believe that this man really existed, and that he made a fraught living as manager to a handful of sought-after DJs. But Enfield (Look, we're not that guilible - the preposterous Fordham even looks ike a bloated version of you!) has actually invented the perfect foil for Blair's new giving age, an era of compassion with a hard edge: Fordham's signature character-

returned to BBC2 with what their way into an already full jawbone. This is twinned with a temper shorter than a hooker's skirt. But in order to allow Fordham's

fury and foul mouth ample room for comic exploitation, Enfield makes out that Fordham hates the jangly music his DJs concoct; and he doesn't much care for them either — or the way they mess him about by turning up late for gigs that he has sweated to arrange (Dissiplinnery measures are gonna ave to be enfawced," Tony threatens them after they mess him around once too often "and

I'm not gonna enjoy that!").

Best of all, though, Enfield ices the comic cake by making Fordham fly to Japan in the hope of signing a lucrative deal for his DJs with Sony Music. In a-brilliant set-piece, Fordham asks hotel housekeeping to get a shirt ironed in readiness for his crucial istic is cursing: non-swearwords ironed in readiness for his en struggle to find room in his conver- meeting with Sony's bigwigs.

ironing service? An ironing service? Ironing, service. No. ironing. No, no, no, no, IRON-ING. You know, when you iron clothes? I; R. ...no. I; R; O; N; I; N; G ... IR-ON-ING ... O-N-I-N-G. Yeah, right, Have...no, HAVE ... Heh-Have you got an ironing service? Right, is there

mashing! How long before this new character gets his Own series? What's so clever about Enfield's conceit is that if Fordham did exist in real life, he's just the sort of person Modern Times really would choose as one of its subjects.

anyone who speaks English?"

Japan, of course, used to be regarded as the country of the future. Now the crown has reverted to America, as if Japan's sudden blossoming was a freak aberration that will make future generations look back and wonder - the way REVIEW



Joe Joseph

we wonder now how it was that England ever won the World Cup in 1966. Martin Amis has just told us that he is planning to move as soon as possible to America, the country that was road-testing the near-future". He said: "I want to go to where the history of the next century is already being written. This is where the excitement is." And what excitement

"Every year here in Los Angeles

County, we learnt in Witness: LA Coroner (Channel 4), 19,000 people meet unexpected, often. violent deaths. That's 50 deaths a day that have to be investigated." ---

You probably didn't manage much of an appetite if you watched this programme before supper. Not after you had found out that a "decomp" may sound like one of those fancy drinks they sell in espresso bars ("I'll have a double decomp latte, with semi-skimmed milk. to go'l, but it is, in fact, LA Coroner's Office slang for a corpse that has lain undetected for so long that the flesh lifts away between your fingers when you try lifting an arm, just like picking skin off custard. The director, Sheila Hayman, never stooped to sensanonalism. She never needed to

One old woman's body, found after lying in her apartment unnoticed and stinking for several days, is already feeding a swarm of local flies. But it's nothing special to tor, who reminds us that: "This is Los Angeles. People don't care about their neighbours any more." Anyway, he's come across worse: six-month old corpses so decom-posed that they had "turned to liquid form".

athy Jo Kadzianskas is the woman who has found the cloud's silver lining. She watches local news bulletins and scours police crime reports for fresh murders before offering her services to the victim's family: Kathy Jo cleans up the blood and mess at a murder scene. "Some people will say we're being ghoulish, or we're trying to make a buck off somebody else's sorrow," she says, "If you were ever in this situation and you ever needed help, believe me, you would be so grateful that there was somebody there to take care of this for you."

The name of her fousiness? Crime

"We leave the scene clean and pristine." More Martin Amis than Amis himself.

~ As if the terrors of Tokyo and Los Angeles weren't enough to make us cancel next year's foreign holiday. Channel 4 last night launched a new series of The Real Holiday Show, the programme in which Gaby Roslin steers you through holiday videos guaranteed to make you never leave home again. Take Graeme Walker and Rose Holden: they had been going out for 212 years when they decided to visit Hong Kong, their first holiday together. A disaster. On reaching home, they split up.

This weird brand of voyeurism is Channel 4's contribution to socially responsible programming, showing us that however awful our own holidays might seem, others' are even worse. Too glooply even for Marly.

6.00am Business Breakfast (77965) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (82372491) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (3457675)

BBC1

9.30 Style Challenge (9328205) 9.55 Kilroy (T) (1307192) 10.35 Change That (8989472)

11.00 News (1) (7378168) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (7301694) 11.35 Room for improvement (r) (3319965)

12.00 News (T) Regional News and weather (8751217) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (7424694) 12.35 Going for a Song (5106255)

1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (75410) 1.30 Regional News and weather (73248743) 1.40 The Weather Show (53131746)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (71964255)

2.10 Quincy (r) (8986101) 3.00 Through the Keybole (1145878) 3.25 The Reality Useful Show- Update

3.30 Funnybones (9182762) 3.35 Playdays (8609052) 3.55 The Silver Brumby (8610168) 4.20 Mr Wymi (8014439) 4.35 Smart. Details of how to enter a portrait competition held in conjunction with Manchester City Art Gallery (8412946)

5.00 Newsround (T) (2786385) 5.10 Byker Grove Nat and Harry go on spending spree (T) (9185410)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (199149) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) (588)

6.30 Regional News (168) 7.00 Watchdog with Azme Robinson Consumer magazine (T) (4946)

7.30 EastEnders Pauline enrages Mary by trying to take charge of her life; wh Seran gives Joe a lesson in a subject most males find utterly betting: women

8.00 Animal Hospital A large German shepherd dog visits the veterinary surgery in search of respite from a bosterous cat playmate (T) (3694)

8.30 Ded Alsn grows concerned that Brian is drinking too much. Comedy, starring Kevin McNally and George Cole (2101) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (1) (4781) 9.30 The Locksmith Having helped Alice to

dispose of Paul's body down a mine-shaft. Roland resolves to get on with life Warren Clarks, Chris Gascovne and Sarah-Jane Potts (T) (839269)

10.20 Clive Anderson All Talk With Thrust Cestello (747120)

11.00 Question Time The Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowtam, is among the politicians tacing questions from a studio ast, Hosted by David Dimbleby (1) (69859)

12.00 in Defence of a Married Man (1990) Courtroom drama, starring Judith Light and Jeny Orbach. A successful lawyer is put in the difficult position of defending her husband, who has been charged with murder. Directed by Joel Olinsky (1)

1.30am Weather (1586724)

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6.00am Science: The Chemistry of

Creativity (T) (82155) 6.30 Doctors and Patients; Brief Encounter (T). (43323) 7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T). (9281052) 7.15 Teletubbles (8594472) 8.05 Blue Peter (r) (1) (7630439)

8.30 Mouse and Mole (r) (2261491) 8.35 Johnson and Friends (r) (7003859) 8.45 Hairy and the Hendersons (r) (T) (9290859)

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6.00 Star Treic Deep Space Nine (I) 6.46 Hit, Miss or Maybe Zoe Ball Invites a

panel of celebrity guests to check out three of the latest pop videos (506101) 7.00 The Whitbread: The World's Greatest Ocean Race The shore crews and families of those taking part get ready to welcome the boats to Cape Town (2588)

7.30 First Sight (894) WALES: Just One Chance 8.90 Franco and Friends 8.00 Just One Chance New consumer magazing for parents, looks at the Ridings school (1236)

8.30 Top Gear (T) (8453) 9.00 Third Rock from the Sun Dick sprains his arkie at the office while fixing Mary's vent, but soon learns how to use the situation to his advantage. (1) (329120)



Dolly, unaware of the furore (9.25pm)

Horizon in response to the worldwide consternation of Dolly the cloned sheep, Horizon explores the bizame experiments involved

10:15 10x10: (708033) tollowed by Video Nation Shorts (230217) 10.30 Newsmight (420101) 11.15 Grand Prix Snooker (405052) 12.00

12.05cm The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r)

12.30 Learning Zone: The Making of Benjamin Zephaniah (5137434) 12.35 Poles Apart (9630569) 1.30 The Big Picture (19366) 2.00 Further Education: Newstile 3 — Politics and Economics (63347) 4.00 Film Education — the to (22415) 4.30 Hercules (84182) 5.00 Basic Skills (37786) 5.30

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6.00am GMTV (4602694) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (3453859) 9.55 Regional News and weather (7232474) 10.00 The Time, the Place (21101) 10.30 This Morning (1) (77228101) 12.20pm Regional News and

(8758120) 12.30 News (T) and weather (5192052) 12.55 Shortland Street Chris is forced into a decision (5177743)

1.25 Home and Away Fisher traczes on stage (T) (76537830) 1:50 Quisine (T) (71947588) 2.20 Vanessa: Sisters at War (I) (74153762) 2.50 Fashion Police (1) (9920410) 3.20 News (T) (4581491)

3.25 Regional News (1) (4580752) 3.30 Potamus Park (9604323) 3.40 Wizadors (9197694) 3.50 Kipper (9193878) 4.00 The Adventures of Dawdie (8089743) 4.15 Jurnanji (8851120) 4.40 Out of Sight

5.10 A Country Practice (3576323) 5.40 News (1) and weather (365255) 6,00 Home and Away (r) (T) (656) **6.25 Regional Weather**

6.30 WALES: Weles Tonight (1) (236) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (236) 7.00 Emmerdale Kim doesn't believe that Alex has left the country (T) (9014)

7,30 WALES: Weles This Week (120) 7.30 The Big Story: The Life of Riley investigation into the apparently easy iffestyle white collar criminals enjoy once they are behind bers (120) 8.00 The BIR: Walksbout Page has to

impersonate a young woman who has gone missing (7) (8762) 8.30 Schoffeld's TV Gold: Lelsure The first of a new series (7897)



The Flying Squad (9.00pm)

9.00 Thief Takers: Shadows Crime-busting drama series with the members of the Flying Squad

10,00 News at Ten (1) and weather (26502) 10.30 Regional News and weather (835149) 10.40 WALES: The Ferret (707762) 10.40 Hope Bourne on Extraor (995830) 11.15 WALES: The Big Story (568965) 11.40 WALES: Swift Justice (112830) 11.40 Tropical Heat (r) (112830) 12.35am The LADS (1537182) 1.05 Funny Business (5140908)

1.35 Ed's Night Party (r) (3271076) 2,05 Planet Rock Profiles: The Corrs

(6259415) 4.35 The Time the Place (r) (56809163) 5.00 Garden Calendar (T) (57540)

5,30 News (17347)

2.35 Late and Loud (r) (6414366) 3.30 The Good Sex Guide ... Late

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.54pm Air Watch (42179733)

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (5177743) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3576323) 5.59-6.00 Air Watch (823120) 6.25 Central News (184743)

6.55-7.00 Lifeline (608651) 10.40 Lords of the Ring (1116472) . 11.45 First Cut. The first of two showcas

short films by new directors (289965) 12.45em Funny Business (6930328) 1.20 Planet Mirth (2965569)

1.45 Rockmania (2871250) 2.40 God's Gift (5283076) 3.35 Late and Loud (6720296) 4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (5755250)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except

5.20 Asian Eye (7797618)

12.20pm-12.30 Huminations (8740101) 12.55 Home and Away (3647101) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (46233656) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3576323)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (45894) 10.30 Westpountry News (819101) 10.45 On the Edge (865149)

11.15 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (855762) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (393878)

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5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3576323) 6,00 Meridian Tonight (656) 6.30-7.00 Rural Rides (236) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (819101) 10.45 Unsolved (865149)

11.15 A406 (855762) 11.45 Highlander (393878) 5.00am Freescreen (57540)

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2.50-3,20 The Fashion Police (9920410) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3576323) 6.23 Anglia Weather (751502) 6.25 Anglia News (184743)

6.55-7.00 What's On (608651) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (227743) 10.40 Knowing the Score (339014)

11.10 Frankie Howerd at His Tittermost. The comedian's lest stage show, at the Birmingham Hippodrome in 1991

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfest (65033) 9.00 Yegollon (850120) 11.30 Scrimpers (3656) 12.00 Sesame Street (76025) 12.30pm Ricki Lake (35217) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (32012656) 1.15 Wil Cwae Cwae (32040439) 1.30 Film: Carmen Jones (75168) 3.30 ctor's Lat (994) 4.00 Fifteen-to (149) 4.30 The Lonely Planet (753) 5.00 5 Pump (3520) 5.30 Countdown (385) 6.00 Pump (3320) 5.30 Columbown (353) 5.50 Newyddion (549656) 6.10 Heno (949878) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (220439) 7.25 Pryd o Dafod (579588) 8.00 Y Jocars (6304) 8.30 Newyddion (5439) 9.00 Meca (7491) 9.30 Krill Equation (48781) 10.00 A Dance to the Music of Time (8504)6331 12 05cm Scomber Music of Time (85943633) 12,05em Bomber Blue (2011927) 1.05-1.35 Post Morte

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (60675) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (65033)

9.00 Schools: History In Action (7715076)
9.20 Geographical Eye (7728540) 9.40
The Maths Programme (6737811) 10.00
Middle English (2010873) 10.15 Le Petit
Monde de Pierre (2033724) 10.30
Scientific Eye (7166144) 10.50 Film and
Video Showcase (7186908) 11.10 The Spanish Programme (55375453)

11.30 Scrimpers (3/5) (r) (1) (5656)

12.00 Sesame Street (76025) 12.30pm Light Lunch (8764491) 1.25 Jump (76535472) 1.50 in Old Chicago (1938, b/w) Classic disaster movie based on the great fire of Chicago in 1871. With Tyrone Power, Alice Faye, Alice Brady and Don Ameche (92105875)

3.30 Collector's Lot Sue Cook learns how to tell a take from a real Clarice Cliff (T) (994) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (149) 4.30 Countdown (8406385)

4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (8325014) 5.30 Pet Rescue Two abandoned baby hedgehogs require treatment (T) (385)

6,00 Boy Meets World: Bed and Breaklast Shawn tries to make some money by renting out a room (1) (107694) 6.25 Fresh Pop (901025) 6.30 Hollyouks Spike takes revenge on Dawn

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (981410) 7.50 Deadline 2000 Tony Milroy looks at the legacy of lower blocks (989830)



Justine Shapiro in South Africa (8pm)

8.00 Lenety Planet: South Africa born Justine Shaptro returns to the country she left as a child (4/6) (7) (6304) 8.30 Marriago United Tastes of America Dorinda Hatner presents a series about American food (T) (1/8)

9.00 A Dance to the Music of Time The Second World Wer has broken out and Nick Jenkins is in the Army, leaving his pregnant wile behind. With James Purefoy, Emma Fielding and Miranda Richardson(T) (3/4) (20891656)

11.05 The Ba Ba Zee (880633) 11.06 A Pig's Tale (166236) 12.10am Lee "Scratch" Perry Return of the Super Ape (4006502) 12.40 Talking Headz (1591298) 1.00 Brannigan (4206637) 1.15 Looking for (3182892) 1.45 Different Voices (9528958) 2.10 Brazil In Living Colour (1193521) 2.40 Codes of Honour (4032347)

3.15 Seven Deadly Sins: Gluttony (r) (T) 3.45 Divine Magic: The Power of Voodoo (r) (1) (517298)

4.45 The American Footbell Big Match (r)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 83 are picture: 10,92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00 am 5 News Early (2527859) 7.30 Milkshake (7540656) 7.35 USA High (r) (8817138)

8.00 Havakazoo (8921255) 8.30 WideWorld Picasso's Cubist collages (8920526) 9.00 Espresso (5193507)

10.00 Exclusive (r) (6832830)

10.30 Instant Gardens (r) (8900762) 11.00 Leeza (\$009975) 11.50 Double Espresso (44825878) 12.00 The Bold and the Besutiful (T)

(8991014) 12.30 pm Family Affairs (r) (T)

1.00 5 News Update (T) (99791439) 1.05 Sunset Beach (1) (1941491)

2.00 5's Company (4235897) \$.30 The Happlest Days of Your Life (1950, blw) with Austair Sim, Margaret Ruthertord and Joyce Grantell. Classic

farce, set during the Second World War, the country and is accidently billeted with Launder (1911007)

5.00 Whittle (T) (6762897) 5,30 100 Per Cent (8904878) 6.00 Exclusive (6994491)

6.30 Family Affairs (T) (8985743) 7.00 5 News (T) (6742033) 7.30 Pole Stars: In Cold Storage A look at

the marine lite that inhabits the Bering Sea in the Alaskan Gulf (r) (T) (6194507) 7.50 European Cup Winners Cup Footbell Live Coverage of Chelsea's game in Norway against Tromse (48840149)



Matthew Harding, Ken Bates (10pm)

10.00 it's Ali Over Now, Baby Blue: The Story of Matthew Harding A documentary on the life of the vice-chairman of Chelsea FC, who was killed in a helicopter crash last year (3898897) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (5345014) 11.45 Metrose Place (r) (T) (7230255)

12.40 am Live and Dangerous Coverage of the fifth game in the World Series (97417778)

4.35 The Streets of San Francisco: Programming of Charlie Blake (T) (8446724) 5.30 100 Per Cent (5141144)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY SPORTS 2

12.00pm Wrestling (68274515) 1.00 Pish TV (84274435) 2.00 Sportrats (65794033) 2.30 Golden Age of Motor Racing (56875174) 3.30 Showlumping (23648491) 5.30 Ten Pin Bowling (35648052) 6.30 Windsurfing (97997589) 7.00 Pight Lines (7398255) 8.00 Pugby Club (14489089) 9.30 Powerboat and Jetski World (65624174) 10.00 60bby Charthan's Foot-ball Screptocok (96237507) 11.30 Close EUROSPORT

7.30am Showjumping (73655) 8.20 Speed-world Magazine (9976) 9.30 Best Five IndyCar Races (49866) 11.00 DEFA Cup-93526) 1.00pse IndyCar Season: Review (31994) 3.00 World Cup Dream Feam (3461) 3.36 Cylyrapic Games Magazine (146) 4.00 Tennis: Eurocaid Open — Live (3732217) 9.00 Boxing: Wartelle v Wilson 260330 9.30 Furnosain Cups (4208794) (26)33) 9.30 European Cups (42) 12.00 Saing (\$2076) 12.30am Close UK GOLD

11.00 Boon (8496588) 12.00 Crossroads (57974323) 12.25pm Neighbours (57977410) 12.85 EastEnders (1573323) 1.30 H-De-H (9231830) 2.10 The Live Birds (2082507) 2.50 Air You Being Saved? (4900385) 3.30 The Bit 9067850) 4.00 Casesh (62394859) 5.05 EastEnders 4.00 Casually (62394659) 5.05 EastEnder (9361149) 5.40 Bob's Full House (768152) [0361149] 8.40 Bob's Pul House (7631326) 8.25 Their's Shorbusiness (7503781) 7.00 If Ain't Hay Hot. Murn (7765876) 7.45 No. Place Like Home (5723481) 8.20 Cases Smith (1305285) 9.00 The Bit (1185285) 9.30 Dergerfield (69791694) 10.35 Pad Dwarf (1221439) 11.15 The Jack Dee Show (28070584) 1.25em Memi Vice (3139969) 2.15 Shopping (35517892)

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(7156) 6.30 Boy Meets World (1588) 7.00 Home Improvement (3655) 7.30 Wonder Years (7912) 8.00 FILM: Young Again (1996) (8675) 9.30 Home Improvement (2303) 10.00 Close

6.00mm Happily Ever Alter (29678) 6.30 Bobby's World (40697) 7.00 Spirou (71255) 7.30 Devins the Menace (50762) 6.00 Bat-man (96014) 8.30 Bots Mester (95385) 9.00

(46255) 10.00 Gravedele High (31149) 10.30 Flash Gordon (45679) 11.00 Creepy Crawlers (46277) 11.30 Gigentic (6546) 12.00 Greepy 12.00 Greepy (89101) 12.30pm Bots Master (16743) 1.00 Botman (70529) 1.30 Eek the Cat (15014) 2.00 Creepy Crawlers (5014) 2.30 Flash Gordon (5781) 3.00 Sorne (4149) 3.30 Earthworm Jim (7526) 4.00 Dennis the Menace (6033) 4.30 Art Attack (2217) 5.00 Close CARTOON NETWORK

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12.00pm Swan's Crossing (1942101) 12.30 Ready or Not (4754385) 1.00 Madison (6485472) 1.30 Sweet Valley High [4753656] 2.00 Saved by the Bell [9025410] 2.30 Swan's Crossing (9080507) 3.00 9-2-5 (9011217) 3.30 Reedy or Not (9085052) 4.00 Saved by the Bell [9071859) 4.90 USA High 9080743) 5.00 Hangtime (9016762) 5.30 Sweet Valley High (9084323) 6.00 Rush (4960217) 6.15 On the Make (4948472) 6.30 Medison (8072588) 7.00 Hangtime (9036526) 7.30 USA High (9061472) 8.00 Close BRAVO

8.00pm The A Team (9317830) 9.00 Crime Story (9337684) 10.00 Tour of Duty (9330781) 11.00 FILM: Double Agent 73 (8866978) 1.00em Crime Story (0) 2.00 Tour of Duty (3914569) 3.00 Fills: Trouble Bound (1992) (3614724) 5.00 The A-Team (5818329)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

Roseanne (3743) 8.00 Elen (7694) 8.30 Cybill (6101) 8.00 Chears (39507) 8.30 Tax (72385) 70.00 Frasar (39645) 10.30 Mr Don and Mr George (89641) 11.00 Frastwel of Fun (545149) 11.25 Robert (421120)

8.00pm Sightings (8931491) 9.00 Fill.McCopan the Destroyer (1984) (6941678) 11.00 Friday the 13th (7946025) 12.00 Sightings (6514873) 1.00am Twifight Zone (1044589) 1.20 Tales of the Unexpected (7652989) 2.00 Dark Shadows (8479521) 2.30 New Highbook (8465328) 3.00 Friday the 13th (1519057) 4.00 Close

9.00am Smply Parting (1975499) 9.20 Gardon Calendar (4756743) 10.00 The Great Gardening Plot (9460217) 10.30 New Yarikee Workshop (1964323) 11.00 Fazi Hun's Fishing Adventures (1190491) 11.30 Hometime (1191120) 12.00 Gardon Perly (1955679) 12.20pm Two's Country (4767859) 1.00 Sweet Things (6498946) 1.30 Home Agam (475850) 2.00 Furniture on the Marci (9005555) 2.30 Times Four Walls (9086781) 3.00 Two's Country (90174911 3.30 This Old House (9098526) DISCOVERY

4.00pm Lonely Planet (1181743) 5.00 Anciest Warners (9029235) 5.30 Beyond 2000 (9097897) 6.00 Hurgers (4775878) 7,80 Mysterious World (9009472) 7,30 Disaster (9074946) 8,00 Titanic's Lost Sister (9320304) 9,00 Top Merques (1110255) 8,30 Wonders of Weather (4770323) 10,00 (6408323) 12.00 Piohiin

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Ivanisevic beats hasty-retreat to provoke protest from angry crowd

Henman handed easy passage

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN STUTTGART

TO a cacophony of jeers and whi des. Goran Ivanisevic stalked off the court during his match with Tim Henman here yesterday, citing injuries to his arm. As volable as he is talented, Ivanisevic had already tested the patience of Romano Grillotti, the umpire, with his trademark bouts of petulance.

short of being defaulted when trailing by a set and 2-0, he promptly left the court giving Henman a third-round match today with Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden.

A densely populated Schleyer-Halle did not sympathise with the official explanation. They had seen Ivanisevic serve beyond 125 miles per hour for the 39 minutes that he was on court. They had seen him hurl his racket in frustra-

Defence of the realm

tion, thrash a dead ball into the net, launch another into the rafters at the sheer ineptitude of his performance. If this is the sort of tennis that fans clamour for, they would be as well entertained at a football match between grudging teen-

Evidently, Markus Guenthardt, the tournament director, was aware of Ivanisevic's state of mind from the outset. He later indicated that the prospect of Ivanisevic completing the match was open to question. Certainly the haste with which the Croat's exit was explained over the public address system was indicative of official awareness at the crowd's displeasure. Further heckling greeted the an-

Ivanisevic was himself unsure of the nature of his injuries. Whatever their root, and whatever their extent, his inability to complete the match - coupled with the defection, through injury, of Thomas Enqvist before he even struck a ball - hardly squares with the ATP Tour's recently-stated objective to



Henman concentrates on a backhand return during his truncated match with Ivanisevic. Photograph: Clive Brunskill/Allsport

move the game more towards its dwindling fan base.

In this respect the players are not wholly to blame. Virtually to a man, this starstudded field is engaged in the headlong rush towards the ATP world championship in Hanover next month. Nonattendance at this Eurocard Open, or the Super 9 tournament in Paris next week, would effectively eliminate them from contention. Con-

of the type sometimes pro-voked by a fighter's evident lack of fitness might serve to focus official minds on this unsatisfactory state of affairs. Of course, Ivanisevic testified eloquently to the problems that also prompted his withdrawal in Ostrava last week, when the same injury prevented him from complet-

ing his semi-final against Karol Kucera after he had dropped the opening set. He faced a similar predicament here as Henman swept through the first set in 32 minutes. The Great Britain No 2 was infinitely more seprevious day, although only after he had produced an opening service game rare in composition to anyone but

It contained three aces, two double faults, six deuces and six break points for Ivanisevic - the last of which he converted. Perversely, to judge by the bite that Ivanisevic generated on his returns, Henman seemed destined for a torrid afternoon. That he immediately redeemed the break reflected the unpredictable course of the match.

"He broke me in the first game and I sat down at the change of ends a bit gone

There is the role reversal right there. I think that is where his frustration came from. Once I could see he was a bit fragile, I thought there may be an opportunity." When it arrived, Henman seemed unaware of Ivanisevic's impending con-cession. I saw that he pulled out (in Ostrava), but having said that, I saw quite a few serves fly past me at 200kph today. If he hit one shot and

something suddenly went, that is a different situation." Ivanisevic was due to undergo a scan late last night in an

trary though it runs to suggest cure than he had been the mentally," Henman said. "So effort to identify his injury. "It ensured that his compatriot, it, perhaps a boxing-style riot previous day, although only there I am, trying to contain is painful. I don't know why I Nicolas Kiefer, will head the myself and then, in his first played. I wanted to play so German rankings when the service game, I break back. badly and then, in the end, I world order is revised on just made myself flook stupid and they were booing me," he said. "But I don't care. Hopefully my injury is not so bad." It will be interesting to see. whether he recovers sufficiently to play in Paris next week.

One match free of controversy was Boris Becker's defeat in stright sets by Richard Krajicek. Since being knocked out of Wimbledon in July, Becker has been talking about voluntarily handing the baton to Germany's younger players. He has little choice in the matter now; this defeat matter now; this defeat

Monday. But for the intermittent intrusions of Michael Stich. Becker has reigned in his homeland for the past 12

Becker, who was defending the last title he holds, showed glimpses of his genius before Krajicek's mighty service came to bear on a compelling contest. Unlike Andre Agassi departure earlier in the week Becker made his with evident mental anguish. He is a man for whom winning has always mattered - and it really

Another chance missed by BBC

HOW many times have you beard Alan Hansen or John Motson talk about missed chances? But the BBC itself is sometimes lacking in front of open goal. When Ireland were drawn to meet Belgium in the play-offs for the World Cup finals, it was Channel

5 who snapped it up. Channel 5 announced esterday that it would be showing both legs live in mainland Britain, on October 29 and November 15.

Aithough BBC schedules are set months ahead and the Ireland match would attract only an estimated four million viewers, this was an opporturnity to show that it is doing all it can to provide live coverage. Now that the FA Cup has gone to TTV, Liverpool's Uefa Cup ties and the European finals are the only live football on the BBC this

Channel 5, having be-gun with England's World Cup match against Poland in May, took on Newcastle United, Chelses, Arsenal and Aston Villa in Europe this season. On the day England played Poland, Channel 5 also showed the national rugby union team

attempt

Trevive

playing Argentina. There will be no England rugby union matches on BBC this winter, except for the Calcutta Cup, and that only because of the contract it has to show Scotland, Ireland and Wales matches. The BBC gave up Rugby Special after last season so the sport's followers will now be switching to Channel 5. which has responded with Rugby Express, a Sunday

Sport was not top priority when we launched but. having seen how well the England v Poland march priority," Gary Double. the Channel 5 spokesman, said. "At the moment we are averaging between 3 and 4 per cent of audience share and football is getting us close to 20 per

A BBC spokesperson said: "We did not make a bid. One of the legs clashed with our commitments to other sports,"

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Evans calls for show of character in wake of Strasbourg debacle

BY MATT DICKINSON

AS THE Liverpool players trudged across the tarmac at Speke airport in the early hours of yesterday morning, conducting their inquests in little groups, one man - in stark contrast to the Anfield tradition in which he is steeped - walked alone. His normal ebullience deadened by shock. Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, was deep in his own thoughts.

Where those thoughts took him in the immediate aftermath of the 3-0 defeat by Strasbourg can only be guessed at, but one thing became apparent vesterday: resignation was not an option spinning around his troubled mind.

"We have to try and solve the problems, and you don't do that by walking away." he said. "We are all in this together. It is not just about me. We all have to show our true character. You get spells like this in football. No one likes them, but you have to stand up and be counted. I certainly take responsibility, because that is my job." /

That Evans should, and will, be given the chance to salvage Liverpool's season does not seem to be in immediate doubt, if only because candidates already banded around as potential replacements vary from the improbable - Bobby Robson - to the implausible - Johan Cruyff and Kevin Keegan.

There is no doubting, though, that his reign has reached a critical juncture. European defeat, and there is little reason to believe that they will overhaul the threegoal deficit in the second leg of their second-round tie, will

Evans to end Manchester United's domination of the FA has what it takes to turn challengers into champions. It was that inability that drove Yet the signs are far from optimistic there, too, despite Keegan from St James's Park.

at present, they face a tricky test at home to a buoyant Derby County on Saturday. A quick transformation in mood and fortunes is essential, and to that end changes are inevitable to a defence that outpaced, out-thought and outmanoeuvred by an average French side on Tues day night. Mark Wright and Rob Jones are likely to return in place of the hapless Neil Ruddock and Jason McAteer.

Carling Premiership.

There seems little doubt. though, that Liverpool's problems go deeper than a quick reshuffle. Like Kevin Keegan at Newcastle, Evans, a decent. thoughtful man, appears to be



Evans: under pressure

Doubts raised over sponsorship plans

COCA-COLA. the drinks company, has refused to confirm whether it is about to discontinue its sponsorship of the Scottish League Cup. The firm has invested more than £3 million in the competition over the past four years, but its present deal expires after the November 30 final between Ceitic and Dundee

Bell's, the whisky firm, has aiready withdrawn its £10 million backing of the league programme after uncertainty over the proposed breakaway by the top ten clubs. The loss of another big

sponsor would be a further

blow to the Scottish game, with the smaller clubs looking for assurances over their share of future sponsorship

A Coca-Cola spokesman would only say: "Discussions about a new contract are ongoing." He refused to give any further details of the company's intentions to coninue their involvement in the

Reports have suggested that the competition is no longer as destrable to wouldbe sponsors, with its future under debate after the withdrawai this season of a Enropean place for the winners.

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betrayed the same self-doubts in France this week.

"We know we have good players, but it is all about getting the best out of them," he said. That Evans was in part to blame for such a poor performance is beyond argument. Panicking after the lacklustre performance against Everton on Saturday, he rashly threw Leonhardsen and Redknapp into a midfield where even Paul Ince looked lost, despite the fact that neither had started a game this season. By no means the worst culprits, both looked off the pace as the French side overwhelmed them.

Worse still, Evans surprised his players by reverting to the back-five system abandoned earlier in the season, only revealing the switch late on the day of the game. Stig Inge Bjornebye and Steve Harkness, in particular. looked woefully uncertain of their roles against pacy attackers.

If the manager, though, has spent his time since the embarrassment in Strasbourg questioning his own abilities, many of his players should have been doing the same. Ruddock, McAteer and Bjornebye performed way below their average, never mind their best, and their lapses of concentration could cost their manager dear. Liverpool face a relatively

easy immediate programme in the Premiership, with games against Derby, Bolton Wanderers. Tottenham Hotspur and Barnsley before they meet Arsenal and Manchester United, If his players have not responded by then, Evans could indeed be walking alone along the

